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Fishy encounter...

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Young fishermen shook up by UFO

By CHARLOTTE SANDERS
Daily News Staff Writer

Whereas two young boys of Winco Block had been fishing alone until midnight or later along the banks of Tug River near their home, they now seek the company of others and pull in their reels earlier since sighting a "spaceship."

Yep, Bryan Jude, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Duty, and John Wright, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wright, have joined the ranks of sighters of Unidentified Flying Objects.

"We're scared to be out after dark now and only fish until about 9:30 p.m.," young Jude commented. Wright added, "we take some other guys with us now."

The two Lenore High School students (Bryan is a ninth grader and John an eighth grader), who admittedly are still "shook up" over their Wednesday night experience, gave this account of the incident:

The two went to their usual fishing spot at Winco Block about 9 p.m. They exchanged words and banter as do young fishermen, about whether the weather was just right, were the fishing biting, etc. Baiting the fish hooks with worms or doughballs, as is their custom in angling for catfish or mudcats, the two positioned their reels along the bank and sat back to enjoy life.

During the ensuing hour, they had not a bite on their lines. Everything was quiet with only the swish of the leaves in the trees and croaking frogs disturbing the stillness.

About 25 minutes to 11 o'clock, Bryan said to John, "there comes a UFO."

"I thought he was kidding," John told a Daily News reporter, "but it (the UFO) went on past. We looked back up and there it was again — about 40 feet from us."

Bryan recalled "the craft floated around in the air, about the height of the power lines."

Johns says the space ship was gold and silver. "It was real pretty." Bryan said the craft had a door in the bottom and some kind of structure atop the round ship. He added it appeared to be about 60 feet in circumference.

They both agreed that two beams of light were focused on them and that red, green and blue lights were flashing at difference points on the ship. They said they were not afraid at first and the light beams appeared not to affect them.

All of a sudden things changed.

"We couldn't move," John declared. "We laid down and watched but still could not move. My head felt like it was going in and out (getting bigger and shrinking)."

Bryan added, "it was like somebody was behind us and whispering; you couldn't understand what they were saying but you could hear."

They don't remember heading for home some time later but became aware of their surroundings when they reached Bryan's home. As they ran, John says he could hear something like footsteps behind them and that a beam of light was trying to follow them as

they fled.

"I just remember going in the door of my home," Bryan said. "I was scared stiff."

Thinking back, John has a vague impression of sitting in a chair on the spaceship. Bryan seems to remember seeing a tall person or thing that looked like blackened cheese. "Yeah, there was a terrible smell," John added.

The youths say they heard a rush of air just before the spaceship appeared on the scene. Bryan's mother said she had seen something traveling across the sky but heard no wind. Several residents in the neighborhood said they were awakened by a roaring sound, Bryan and John reported.

They recalled that Mrs. Lana Evans, a former nextdoor neighbor of the Dutys and now a resident on the Kentucky side of the river, had reported seeing a UFO about three years ago in the same area as that reported by the boys.

Mrs. Duty told the Daily News that her son, a carrier for the Daily News, is not given to flights of fancy. "He certainly was scared and trembling when he arrived home and I let him sleep until nearly noon the next morning."

In the excitement of their flight from the river bank, Bryan and John left their rods and reels and had to retrieve them next day. Is it worth their chancing another contact with the spaceship by continuing their night fishing?

Well Bryan and John seem to think so, for, after all, Bryan's five-year-old brother, Bill, caught a 37-inch mudcat this spring.



RECOUNT CLOSE ENCOUNTER — Bryan Duty, shown left, 14-year-old Winco Block carrier for the Daily News, uses his hands to describe the gold and silver "spaceship" or UFO which he and a fisherman pal, John Wright, 13, right, say they sighted Wednesday night while fishing along the banks of Tug River. (Daily News Staff Photo)

An Object Is Photographed Just What Is It?

CLEVELAND, TENN. - BANNER
*****JUNE 29, 1978*****

By RICK NORTON
UFO—Unidentified Flying
Object.

Perhaps hundreds of persons each year around the world report seeing some form of strange shape in the air, whether it be weather balloon, aircraft or some form of unique prank.

Believing one who tells a story about such a sighting is as hard as actually believing what is allegedly seen by the person in question. Thus, the basis for all contemporary arguments against UFO's, or Unidentified Flying Objects.

They are called that because it's what they are—unidentified, appear to be floating in the air, and is some form of physical mass or shape.

One of Cleveland's own residents, young Tim Glaze of 2104 Eugenia Avenue, on a recent trip to Colorado Springs, Col., with the Cleveland High School band, has allegedly had an encounter, apparently of the "first kind," a sighting. But, admittedly by Glaze, there are surrounding circumstances which could "take a little air out of the balloon."

Only days ago Mrs. Leannette Glaze, mother of Tim, brought a picture and negatives to The Banner office, the one which the strange shape or object appears. Explaining what her son had told her, and how the picture was taken, Mrs. Glaze explained her son at least believes the object is not a window knob.

Leaving the negatives and original picture with The Banner, an investigation began. First, young Glaze himself talked with Banner reporters via telephone, admitting that the Tram-Cars which go up and down Pike's Peak have large picture windows with apparently non-supported knobs, an object which possibly could be what is seen in the accompanying pictures reprinted by The Banner upon the permission of the Glaze family.

But Tim Glaze says he took several pictures while on the ride up Pike's Peak, and that is the only frame with the strange looking object. Admitting the presence of the knobs on the windows, he said the shape in the negative and print, however, is not a window knob.

"I was taking the pictures from only an inch or so from the window," Glaze states. "If the shape is a knob, then it would be much bigger. The knob would take up the entire picture."

The picture was by accident, he says, noting that he did not realize the object was in the picture. He also noted that some pictures he took with the window open, some of them while the window was closed.

"I know the picture resembles a knob of a sort, especially since there were knobs on the windows in the vehicle, but this object is not one," he stressed.

So how about some form of a reflection from the window of another knob from the car? Speck of dust? Aircraft? Weather balloon? Anything? It could be about anything, but Tim Glaze says it is not a window knob.

So The Banner contacted Sgt. Bill Helms of the Department of Public Affairs for the Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs.

Asked if the Air Force would have some form of records of aircraft flying on that particular date, May 8, Sgt. Helms advised there are none.

"Now we could speculate a lot, but if you're talking about UFO's then the Air Force can't really help you a lot," he said. "We don't investigate those matters anymore. People still contact us when there's been a sighting, but we don't investigate them, only attempt to answer any questions such as the one about records of flights."

Sgt. Helms did explain that no sightings have been reported now in the area for the last three months.

"We normally do get several reports of strange objects in the sky," he commented. "But lately in the last few months, we've received no word at all."

He noted that the object appearing in the photographs could be about anything, but went on to explain he would have to see the picture before any official speculation could be made.

"We would really like to help you out a lot more but we can't," he explained. "We would have to see the picture before we said anything about it, but would be more than glad to see it."

Sgt. Helms said he is familiar with the Tram-Car vehicles which travel up and down Pike's Peak and said he had made the same trip with his family. He acknowledged the presence of the knobs as well, and made the comment that it is also something which would have to be considered.

The pictures are truly fascinating simply because they are unique. But The Banner investigation stops at that point. It could be a knob, it could be something else. Tim Glaze, on that trip up Pike's Peak could have photographed something without realizing it. Unfortunately, there are no other witnesses, for even Glaze did not see the object when it was photographed.

Could it be something in the developing process? Possible, but then, anything could be possible. Truly, the pictures are worth a thousand words.

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The pictures above are black and white taken from color negatives, reasoning for the lack of precise clearness. But all that can be done now is to give vital statistics to the situation. The left is up to the readers.

- Date: May 8, 1978
- Location: Pike's Peak (altitude of approximately 3,000 feet., Colorado Springs, Co.
- Vehicle: Some form of Tram-Car.
- Photographer: Tim Glaze, high school senior at time of picture-taking, age 18.
- Camera: Kodak Instamatic.
- Film Developers: Via K-Mart Camera Dept.
- Time of Day Picture Taken: Early afternoon.
- Contacts: Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Col., Sgt. Bill Helms, Department of Public Affairs.
- Picture Identity: Unknown.

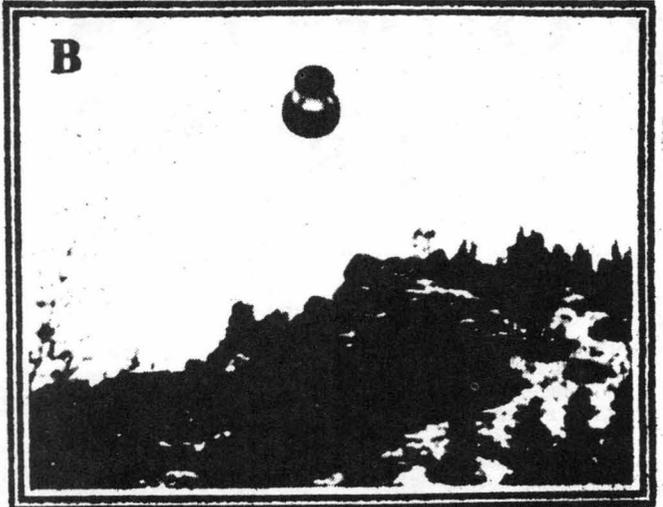
KAUFMAN, TEXAS - HERALD
*****JUNE 8, 1978*****

UFO sighting, but...square?

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A UFO sighting on Cedar Creek Lake was reported over Cedar Creek Lake last Wednesday. A lady who didn't identify herself came into the Kemp city hall Thursday and asked if anyone else had reported a sighting.

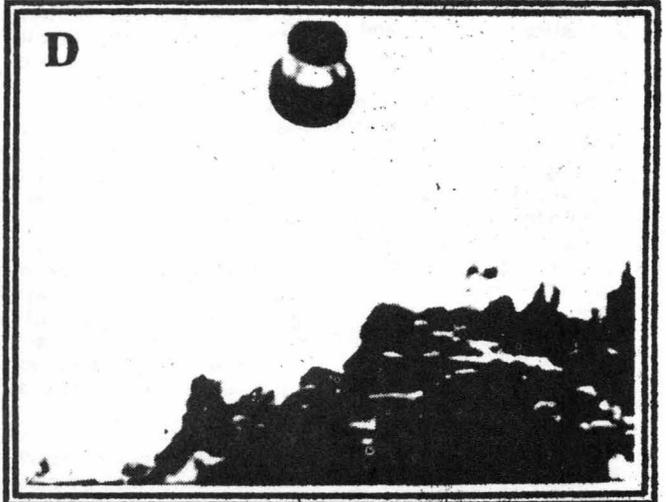
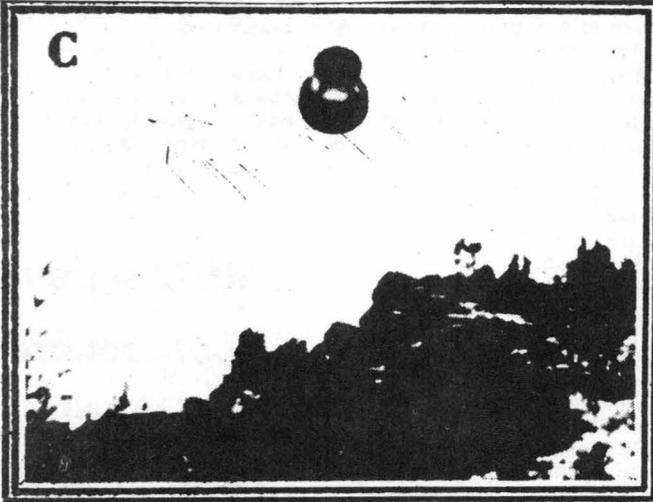
She said she was in a boat at about 7 p.m. Wednesday, when she saw a bright light over the lake. It took a square shape, and then round and diamond shapes, she told City Secretary Peggy Hines.

As her boat passed other craft, its occupants waved to the others, who indicated they saw it too, she said. After a time of watching, it turned square in shape and to a red color, and quickly flew away, she said.



DISTANT VIEW—These photographs, taken by young Tim Glaze of 2104 Eugenia Avenue here in Cleveland, represent one of two things, or a number. Taken on May 8, during the Cleveland High High School band trip, Glaze, a Cleveland High graduate now, took these pictures while on a Tram-Car heading up to the top of Pike's Peak in Colorado Springs, Col.

A LITTLE CLOSER—Blowing up the negatives of this picture, the strange object in question which appears just above the crest of land, becomes less clear, even a bit fuzzy. Glaze explained that the windows in the Tram-Car do have some form of knobs on them which are not supported by any visible means of braces. Is it a knob or not?



STILL MYSTERIOUS—Knob or not, or whatever this object is, the larger it is blown up the stranger it looks. Though Air Force officials in Colorado Springs offer no reportings of strange sightings in the last three months, the photographer, Tim Glaze, says this is not a window knob. What if it is? What if it isn't? It still looks fascinating.

LARGEST POSSIBLE—This is the largest the picture can be blown up with available equipment. Much less clear, but still with that unique shape, this flattened pyramid-shaped object is an unknown as for identity. A window knob? This is the only negative on which the strange-looking shape appears. What does it mean? Unknown.

GREER, S.C. - CITIZEN
 MAY 31, 1978

Unidentified Flying Object Attracts Lots Of Attention

by Ken Shoffner

"It was just like you took that silver pen out of your pocket and held it out in front of you at arms length and imagined it on the horizon, that's how it looked," said Ed Bischoffberger of Culler-Jackson Furniture Co., of what may have been an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) cited in the Lyman area on May 19.

"Traffic was backed up at least two miles," began C.L. Fowler, also of the Culler-Jackson

company.

"It was silver and flat when I saw it over behind the store," he added.

Fowler said the object was first cited about 4 p.m. and remained visible until at least 6 p.m.

"I don't know what it was but is sure had people looking," Fowler said.

A check with the records division of the Spartanburg

County Sheriff's Department reflected no formal report had been filed.

Patrolmen Dispatched

The dispatcher for the South Carolina Highway Patrol at Greenville, said patrolmen were dispatched to the traffic jam on U.S. Highway 29 to restore the normal flow of traffic.

Fowler and Bischoffberger agreed that the UFO was traveling at a slow rate of speed and appeared to inch along the horizon.

Mike Clawson the tower chief at the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport said on the date in question they saw nothing

Wrong to chase UFO, ex-Calmar officer told

PAGE ONE

By LAWN GRIFFITHS
Assistant State Editor

CALMAR—A former Calmar police officer should not have chased an unidentified flying object out of the city limits in the patrol car in violation of the city council's rules, an Iowa Department of Job Service hearing officer has ruled.

Gary M. Linnevold of Decorah was fired last February as policeman in Calmar after he says he chased "one solid, red ball traveling 600 miles per hour at an altitude of 500 feet" out of Calmar. He drove the car at speeds of 90 mph for nearly 10 minutes, he says, until the north-northeasterly traveling sphere disappeared over the Springfield Lutheran Church.

Byron K. Orton, Job Service hearing officer, ruled this week that Linnevold, now a Decorah butcher, is disqualified from two weeks of job benefits because of misconduct. "The claimant had an affirmative obligation to follow the official directives of the City of Calmar, his employer," Orton said. "By failing to follow the employer's directive, and by continuing to perform his job duties outside the city limits, the claimant did engage in a course of conduct that does constitute misconduct."

LINNEVOLD, 23, served as Calmar policeman for nine months, starting in May 1977. He contends he never received much help from city officers.

"One councilman came in to see me just twice. The rest didn't. The mayor stopped in a half dozen times, but they never told me what they wanted."

The former cop says he couldn't make any type of purchase of equipment or items for police work without town officials raising a fuss. "I stopped two city councilmen for speeding, and I warned the mayor for having a headlight out,"

Linnevold says. "That's not a good idea in a small town."

But Linnevold, who served three years in Air Force military police work before coming to Calmar, says, "They decided to fire me before the (UFO) incident occurred."

He says he was fired at a council meeting earlier that month, but not notified by letter of the council's action until Feb. 10. "I think Calmar gave me the shaft," he says bitterly.

LINNEVOLD SAYS the community has had 14 police officers during the past nine years, and the city promised to send him to the Iowa Police Academy, but reneged.

The former officer recalls the early morning hours of Tuesday, Feb. 7. "I was sitting in the patrol car in front of the police station at about 1 a.m. It had been a pretty slow night, and I was wondering whether to go home.

"Suddenly it (the UFO) appeared over the Calmar Courier newspaper. I tried to contact the Highway Patrol, and they didn't answer." He says the red ball was going much faster than an airplane and didn't have the green and red lights comparable to airplanes.

He says he was aware of the city's orders that he wasn't permitted to leave town with the patrol car, but he reasoned that the unusual sighting "did warrant my investigation." Linnevold says he even poked himself to make sure he was awake.

HE SAYS he tried to keep his eyes on the object as he drove northeast out of town until he lost it from view. "It just disappeared over the horizon," he says.

From there, he drove to the Decorah Airport to find out if any aircraft had just used the airfield. None had, he says.

He then went to his home in Decorah and got his own car and located a state

trooper to report his sighting.

Linnevold claims he passed a state trooper while pursuing the UFO and, though he flashed his patrol car lights to gain attention, the trooper didn't stop.

THE EX-COP also contends troopers had actually warned him just a day before that an unidentified flying object might be sighted in the area.

"Sunday night three highway officers stopped at my office and pulled a joke on me that wasn't very professional in the first place.

"They said they had received an order from the U.S. government that a UFO was going to land in Calmar, and I was to report it and secure the area. I was skeptical," he says.

Then came the alleged sighting. "I did actually see an unidentified flying object," he says, "but it was a practical joke that got out of hand...I guess they were trying to make a fool of me."

Iowa State Trooper Dennis Lovie of Decorah, one of the three area patrolmen, whom Linnevold claims "warned" him about a UFO, strongly denies such a prank was ever played.

"No, that's Linnevold," he says with a sigh.

One city official who could be reached, City Councilman Ed Frana, said the city's reasons for discharging Linnevold were "nobody else's business," added. "We had our reasons. That's it. The sheriff knew about it, and everybody heard about it and the whole works."

Calmar now has two officers, Frana says, and "we don't hear any complaints now. You should have heard them before."

Although Linnevold still has a beef with the city of Calmar, he now has a job. A week ago, he began work as a butcher at the K & S Super Valu store in Decorah.

TOMAHAWK LEADER - WISC.
****JUNE 22 1978*****

KITCHENER RECORD - CANADA
*****JUNE 5, 1978*****

UFO Reported Sighted

A UFO was sighted by a county resident along state highway 107 near county trunk highway E about 11 p.m. June 17. The resident said she saw a strange object in the sky which hovered for a short time, dipped down and then disappeared.

30 YEARS AGO (1948)

A Kitchener bus driver and a passenger see between six and 12 flying saucers shortly after 6 p.m. They say the UFOs revolved end over end.

New Fairfield 'encounter'

Pupils insist they saw UFO

By Marla Romash
News-Times staff 7424

NEW FAIRFIELD — They're probably calling it "A Close Encounter of the Fourth Grade Kind."

Fourth grade students at Meeting House Hill School are convinced they saw a UFO. Two "upside down crown shapes" to be exact.

"They were silver. They came over

the trees in the back of the school," writes Donna DeMayo of the experience, which was shared by 25 other classmates during a recess period.

School officials are skeptical. One teacher told her class the suspected UFO was a kite. "It couldn't have been a kite," Donna writes, "because it would have got caught in the trees, thick grass, or on a rock."

The students were not convinced that what they saw was not from another world. School Principal Robert Leonard was called in.

"I spent about 40 minutes with the kids," Leonard said, "I tried to ease their fears and explain to them how information gets into the brain."

Leonard said he used a number of examples in an attempt to prove to the students that their senses may have been playing tricks.

"I asked them (the students) to take a good look at me from the waist up. Then I asked them the color of my shirt and my tie," Leonard said, adding none of the children answered correctly.

Leonard's efforts failed to sway the students' belief. "Our senses couldn't have been playing tricks on us because we all saw and heard the same thing," Donna writes.

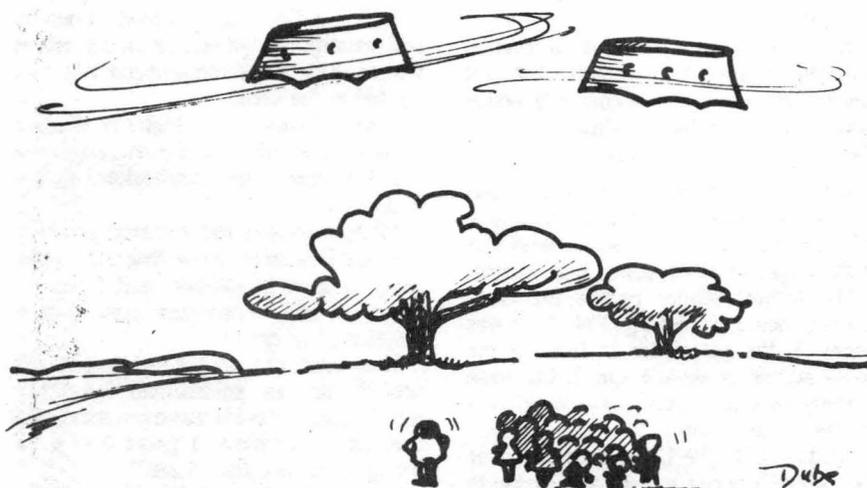
Several students went out into the wooded area surrounding the school to look for evidence the UFO had landed. "They found a ditch and trees were broken. They said they saw a footprint with seven toes," Donna writes of the fruits of her classmates' labor.

Leonard said he also went out into the woods but failed to find anything. "The kids were really worked up about the UFO," Leonard said.

The students were "worked up" enough to send a carefully-penned four-page letter to the News-Times explaining their encounter with the UFO and the skepticism of their teachers.

Leonard said he believes the students "really believed they saw something."

Whether any of the 25 students who attested to Donna's story by signing her letter ever encounter another UFO, it's clear that memories of the fourth grade kind will remain intact and unshakable.



DANBURY, CONN. - NEWS-TIMES
*****JUNE 18, 1978*****

MILFORD, MASS. - NEWS
*****JUNE 26, 1978*****

"UFO" Spotted In Medway?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pawhuskans report

PAGE ONE

Statewide news coverage hasn't scared off the UFOs reported in the Pawhuska area - people are still reporting them.

The latest report came Tuesday at 10 p.m. from a Pawhuska woman who asked to remain unidentified. She reported to city police that she saw what she thought was a UFO land in a field east of the Garrett Ranch.

The woman, who lives 9 1/4 miles west of Pawhuska, approximately 1/4 mile off highway 60, said she and her granddaughter were outside at 10 p.m. Tuesday when they saw an object with

lights hovering over a hay meadow one half mile away.

The object had red lights on each side, the woman said, with flashing yellow lights all around it. Her granddaughter watched the object while she went in the house to call authorities, the woman said and the nine-year-old child told her the object "went up real fast."

A Pawhuska Journal-Capital reporter caught sight of one object reported to police Tuesday night in Pawhuska's western skies. Her sighting was confirmed by five more Pawhuskans

gathered near the Pawhuska airport shortly after 10 p.m. Tuesday, watching an orange-white light moving across the cloudy sky.

Danny, Don and Ronnie Lowe and Gina and Frank Kilgore all said they watched the large blinking light move across the sky, lower in altitude, hover, then go out.

Below cloud level, the object was large in size, with its lights flashing off and on, according to the reporter. Witnesses said the object disappeared suddenly, as if the lights had been turned out.

The Lowes and Kilgores and the J-C

more UFOs, lights

reporter all reported seeing the object first above the turnoff to Bluestem Lake, while they were driving out highway 60 toward the airport. The object then seemed to move toward the airport before it disappeared right above the runway.

Pawhuska Police Chief Don Stephens arrived at the scene but reported no sighting.

Mrs. John Hanna, 2205 Red Eagle Blvd., reported a bright light east of her house at 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Mrs. Hanna described the light as

round, the size of a full moon. She said the object was in the air above the trees, but below the clouds. The light was not moving, Mrs. Hanna said, and was about two miles from her house.

Mrs. Hanna said the light was white but neighbors reported it had red lights going around it.

"After awhile it had dotted lines down the center of it and sideways," Mrs. Hanna said, "making a red cross in its center."

Mrs. Hanna said the light lasted from 10 to 15 minutes before going out.

Earlier reports of UFOs in Pawhuska range from sightings by area children and farmers to reports of multicolored lights by Osage County deputies and Pawhuska police officers.

The reports have led to inquiries by print and broadcast journalists from all over Oklahoma, Kansas, and a radio station in Canada.

Reports of helicopters, airplanes and weather balloons have not satisfied the minds of many who have reported seeing a UFO.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO RECORD, CANADA
*****MAY 31, 1978*****

HANOVER MAN CLAIMS 2ND SIGHTING OF UFO

By Record Staff Writer

HANOVER — A UFO that Bruce Harris reported Wednesday night was the second the Hanover man has seen in this area in the past year.

He was driving west on Highway 4 toward Walkerton about 10:20 p.m. when passenger Michael Allen noticed a bluish-green object moving northwest near Walkerton-Hanover airport.

At first the two thought the light came from an aircraft, but then realized it was not blinking.

"It was moving slow and I thought we'd follow it so we turned north up the airport road. Suddenly it accelerated rapidly, disappearing over the horizon," Harris said.

About a year ago, Harris reported a similar sighting shortly after dusk. At that time the light was white and the sighting was confirmed by Sgt. Donald Deratnay of the Hanover police department.

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Bright lights in sky believed to be two planets

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Two bright lights in the western sky brought a flood of calls to the police dispatcher at the Law Enforcement Center Sunday night.

The lights were reported as close together and looking like a pair of headlights, although they seemed to change in brightness.

A telephone call to the Des Moines airport tower brought only the information that the lights probably were stars.

The UFO center in the state of Washington was called and said that reports of the lights had been received from many parts of the United States. The lights, the center said, were believed to be the planets Mars and Saturn, which are close together and very bright at this time.

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Witnesses Sway Miami Writer Who Probed UFO 'Encounter'

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By BEA L. HINES
Herald Staff Writer

At first Bill Barry thought it was just another UFO story. Three inches of type buried inside the paper, it told of the abduction of a man by an unidentified flying object in an Arizona forest.

It was not an unusual UFO story. But in the second paragraph, something caught the curious eye of Barry, a freelance writer and former newspaper reporter. There were witnesses to the abduction.

"That intrigued me," Barry says. "I started watching the paper for more stories. Later, there was a report of the incident on television."

Barry was hooked. From his Key Biscayne home he began an investigation by telephone. Later, Penthouse magazine sent him to Snow-

flake, Ariz., to interview the witnesses and the victim, Travis Walton, who was missing for five days. A year later, Barry made the trip to Arizona himself.

"I TALKED to everyone involved," Barry says. "Finally, I had so much material after doing the magazine piece, I decided to do a book."

So he wrote *Ultimate Encounter: The Story of a UFO Kidnapping* (Pocketbooks, \$1.75).

The book tells the story of one of the most bizarre encounters with a UFO to date.

Seven men, all forestry workers, had just completed a day's work and were riding out of the forest in a dual-cab pickup truck. They lived

in Snowflake, a small Mormon settlement 40 miles north of Turkey Springs Forest, where they worked.

They had gone about 200 yards when Allen Dalis, 20, saw it.

Michael Rogers, 28, driver and foreman of the crew, stopped the truck. Travis Walton had already jumped out and was running toward the clearing where the UFO was spotted.

A large glowing object was hovering 15 to 20 feet above a pile of pine cuttings, less than 100 feet away. It was so big, Rogers couldn't see all of it through the windshield.

Motionless and silent, it glowed a golden milky yellow, the color of molten iron when it comes out of the blast furnace. It had a milky white dome on top. The whole object was compartmented by dark, silvery, vertical lines — like window dividers, but no windows were visible

The UFO just hung there, silent and still, silhouetted against the black sky.

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Police Draw No Conclusions In Cattle Mutilation Inquiry

By KATHY ROGERS
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

St. Charles County sheriff's deputies say they will keep an open mind in investigating what is reported to be the fifth incident of cattle mutilation in the western part of the county in two months.

Deputy Ray Runyon said his office is investigating a cattle mutilation reported Friday by a 74-year-old Wentzville farmer. The farmer, Clete Parr, reported that he had discovered the badly decomposed body of a cow, with one ear missing, in a pasture behind his house a week ago.

Four incidents of cattle mutilation have been reported in the Elsberry area since April 26. Parr's farm is about 25 miles from Elsberry. Carcasses in two of the incidents were found with one eye, one ear and the tongue missing, police said. They said the udders, genitals and rectums were cut from three of the carcasses.

Elsberry police and some residents have linked the mutilations with report-

ed UFO sightings in the area. Other residents say the mutilations are the work of devil-worshippers.

Runyon said Friday that the body of the cow found on Parr's farm was too decomposed for an autopsy. He said, however, that the incident "is not your ordinary cow death."

Runyon said the cow was lying in a gulley near a fence and that dead flies "were matted together on the fence and leaves of trees above the cow." He said he could find no evidence that vultures or other animals had been feeding on the carcass.

Elsberry farmers whose cattle were mutilated have given similar descriptions.

Parr said the cow died resting on its stomach, "which isn't natural." He said most cattle fall on their sides before dying.

Runyon said that although the cow's death "doesn't appear to be natural . . . We need more than this to draw conclusions."

BARRY said the six in the truck later told police that Walton ran to get under the UFO despite the others yelling for him to get back in the truck. They said the object then began making a noise and that Walton ducked behind the pine cuttings.

These witnesses said that when they yelled again for Walton to come back, he stood up but a "shaft of light" appeared from the bottom

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PEABODY, MASS. - TIMES
*****JUNE 19, 1978***

UFO sighting

A strange hovering light witnesses said was ringed with a blue haze has baffled local authorities and area weather forecasters in the central Nebraska city of North Platte. The light was seen briefly above a park by two patrolmen about 10 p.m. Saturday, but vanished while the officers tried to find a better location from which to view it. The National Weather Service said there were no weather balloons in the area and authorities said they could not explain the phenomenon. Several residents who spotted the light telephoned a local radio station. One woman reportedly said, "I have been watching this thing for an hour and a half now, and its scaring me to death."

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of the craft and hit him in the back and shoulder. The force of impact threw Walton into the air and then back 10 feet, they said.

After that, the men said they screamed at the driver to leave. As the truck sped down the unpaved road, Rogers said he looked back through the rear view mirror and saw the light swaying.

THE MEN SAID THAT when they had gone about a quarter-mile, the truck struck a tree became snagged on some roots. As they worked to free it, Rogers said he looked back and still saw a streak of light. When the others looked, it was gone, he said.

The driver said they then spotted a camper, tried to catch up with it to get help, but failed. So they returned to the site where Walton was last seen but found nothing. From there they drove to the nearest town, 12 miles away, and reported their story to the sheriff and a deputy.

THE SHERIFF told Barry that he and a deputy took the three who were willing and went to the site but couldn't find Walton.

"At first, the sheriff thought the missing guy had been killed in a fight," he says. "Then, they thought the whole thing was a hoax. But the

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guys were so different — one was just a teenager, another was a real no-gooder and another was so straight and religious — it would have been hard to pull off a hoax with that bunch."

Barry says he saw the incident as a "very serious event, if it happened — a very significant event, if it happened. I wanted people to know that a very serious attempt was made to get at the truth.

"I wouldn't have touched it if there hadn't been the six witnesses."

Barry says the police investigating the case in the five days before Walton returned also took a very serious approach to the questioning. He said police told him there was "not one" variance among the six witnesses in describing what they saw, although they used different words in relating it. Even their crude drawings of the UFO matched.

THE WRITER said two were placed under hypnosis and recalled their experience in emotional terms. Barry said on the fifth day of Walton's disappearance police administered polygraph tests to all six witnesses. The police reported five passed and the sixth's test was rated "inconclusiye" because of the man's prejudice against Walton.

When Walton turned up five days later, 12 miles from the spot of the encounter, he told the story of being spirited off and examined by "weird, hairless beings in a white room."

Barry said that when Walton was found he had lost 10 pounds, was dehydrated and had a heavy growth of beard, but thought he had only been away a few hours.

Later, after a lie detector test and examinations by a team of experts which included a psychiatrist, a hypnotist and several scientists the conclusion was: Walton had not lied about his abduction.

In his early interviews with Walton, Barry says Walton never says he was on a UFO. "He simply says he woke up in a great deal of pain under a light and there were three creatures standing over him." In Travis Walton's words, from the book:

"... When I woke up I was lay-

ing on my back. There was a light about three feet above me, real close, and I just got the idea that I must be lying on a table, or something. At first, I couldn't focus my eyes too well, and I had a lot of pain — in my head and chest mainly, but all over ... I felt like I was burned, inside and out, and I ached all over, too, like I'd been crushed.

"I kept going in and out. When I regained consciousness, I could hear movements around me. So I looked and saw these three creatures standing there. I just came unglued right there: I just became hysterical. I didn't know what they were going to do ... I didn't know if they were examining me, or what. I was hysterical, and I had this pain, and seeing them ... it was just terrible from then on.

"They were short, shorter than five feet, and they had very large, bald heads, no hair ... they looked like fetuses. They had no eyebrows, no eyelashes. They had very large eyes — enormous eyes — almost all brown, without much white in them. The creepiest thing about them were those eyes. Oh, man, those eyes, they just stared through me"

SINCE HE wrote the book, Barry is convinced of one thing: There are UFOs.

While researching his story, a strange thing happened.

"I had done a few days' work in Snowflake. It snowed, so I couldn't drive out until the roads were cleared. It was dark when I left.

"I drove over the rolling, mountain roads finally coming to the top of a hill. In the distance, I saw a glowing globe. I thought it was a street light. I said, 'At last, there is the town.'

"I came to the next dip and then the next rise and there was no light. I get scared, but I never hallucinate. I don't ever see things that aren't there," he says with a shrug.

"I believe in certain cases of UFO sightings — those which have been thoroughly investigated by good, sound people who are looking for the truth.

"There are UFOs. I'm a journalist who has investigated and I can't knock it down. I have to believe where the truth of the evidence leads"

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CAN. - JOURNAL
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UFO glimpse claimed

A high-flying object staged an air show of its own Sunday night and the Edmonton family who spotted it is convinced it was no ordinary aircraft.

Frank Matala, who lives on Riverbend Road, says the object was first spotted by his wife about 7:20 p.m. while they were out barbecuing.

"At first it appeared cigar-shaped and it was very, very bright, that is what drew my wife's attention to it," says Mr. Matala.

As it moved toward the sun, it went into silhouette and looked like "a round, black disc."

"It was not an aircraft.

What amazed me was when I saw the disc," says Mr. Matala.

He says it appeared to be spinning, much like a penny would look spinning around.

Mr. Matala says he talked with some of his neighbors later and none of them had seen it. Nor had a policeman whom they saw in the area.

A check with Canadian Forces Base Edmonton showed no one else had reported the incident.

The base information officer, Major Vic Keating, says: "We get these all the time, we have for years. We tend to look on them with a great deal of skepticism."

UFO Haven on

By John O'Ryan

An "interplanetary neutral zone" where UFOs can land without fear of being attacked by military forces is being established on Mount Rainier by an organization of "flying saucer believers."

Wayne Aho, president of the New Age Foundation which is establishing the facility, said he will ask the Army, Air Force and other defense agencies to honor and protect the zone's

neutrality.

He said visitors from outer space will know about the neutral zone because they obviously have means of monitoring the Earth's communications and events.

Aho said the zone is being established because UFO sightings have increased dramatically in recent years and the foundation is convinced that intelligent beings in outer space are trying to help Planet Earth.

He pointed out that large-scale UFO sightings commenced in 1947, with the initial sighting of nine "flying saucers" being made by an airline pilot near Mount Rainier.

"It is no accident that we began seeing many UFOs shortly after the U.S. dropped atomic bombs on Japan," Aho said. "The fact that people on this planet were using atomic bombs in warfare shocked the whole universe."

Mount Rainier

Aho said highly intelligent beings in outer space know that Planet Earth now has a stockpile of nuclear arms sufficient to destroy itself.

"They are coming here to help us, and that is why we are establishing a neutral zone where they can safely make contact with us," Aho said.

The neutral zone is being established on the foundation's 14-acre retreat just off the road to Paradise Lodge in the foot-

hills of Mount Rainier. It is their privately owned land outside park boundaries.

"Our retreat is located almost directly under the area where the initial large-scale UFO sighting was made in 1947," Aho said.

The UFO neutral zone will be dedicated during the foundation's 17th annual convention to be held June 23-25 at the retreat.

A spacecraft watch will be

conducted during the convention, Aho said.

Aho said the foundation also has sent a letter to President Carter asking him to establish a cabinet level post of "Ambassador to Outer Space."

He said this should be done in recognition of the fact that visitors from outer space are attempting to assist the Earth, which is on the brink of de-

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RIDE FOR CARTER?

She 'has a saucer'

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) — A woman who took up a British challenge to produce evidence that people from other planets can travel to earth says she will display an interplanetary vehicle next Jan. 3 and hopes to take President Carter for a ride in it.

Sue McMahon, who described herself as an artist, fashion designer and scientist, said she has entered a competition launched by a British whisky firm to produce a flying saucer for a prize of \$1.8 million.

She said a UFO landed through the

ceiling of her hotel room while she was spending a few days in Sacramento.

"It was manned by people who looked fuzzy, as though I was looking at them through a fuzzy television screen," she said.

The flying saucer took her to another planet, she said, and then brought her back through the ceiling before taking off again.

She said she intends to invite about 30 people, including Carter, California Governor Edmund Brown and foreign scientists, to fly with her to another planet.

It's Unidentified, Flies But Doesn't Scare Cops

UFO 7429
It's not often that police officers are put in the position of not being sure of what they saw.

But that's the position of Maplewood Patrolmen Robert Fiorentino and Anthony Puglio.

What they saw was a soundless, triangular flying object twice the size of a full moon, with a white light on each tip and red lights in the center.

"Let's just say it was an object," Fiorentino said yesterday.

Jokes, Questions, Rumors

Fiorentino said that he and his partner spotted the craft at 4:30 a.m. last Saturday. He said they got out of their car to watch it and the craft circled them twice and shone lights down on them.

"It was blinding," he said.

Since that night, Fiorentino said that he's taken a lot of ribbing. Also a lot of calls from UFO groups wanting information.

And he said, the story's growing bigger. The gossip at the local junior high school has it that he stepped on a wing of the "object" and burned his shoe.

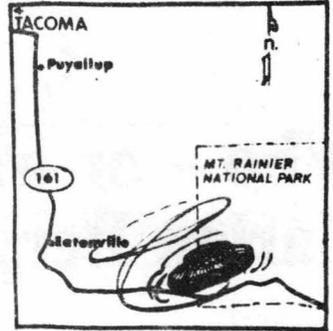
Mostly, he said, the reaction has been strong. "There are true believers, and true unbelievers. There's no one in the middle."

Other police officers have seen unusual things in te sky, he said. And at least two other people in town apparently saw the same thing he saw, at least two other times in the last few months.

Whatever the object was, Fiorentino said, it didn't frighten him.

"If I had been frightened, I would've yhot it," he said.

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THE UFO neutral zone is on the New Age Foundation's 14-acre retreat just off the road to Paradise Lodge in the foothills of Mount Rainier. — Map by P-I Artist Jack Pierce.

UFOs Get Safe Spot

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struction through nuclear arms.

Aho, a former Army major and combat intelligence officer, served in Europe during World War II, landing at Omaha Beach, and winning the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for exceptional meritorious service.

After being honorably discharged as a major in 1956, he engaged in UFO research and has achieved international recognition as an authority on the mysterious "flying saucers."

He pointed out that President Carter has made a UFO sighting himself, and he promised during his campaign to renew government investigations of UFOs.

"But he has not kept this promise," said Aho. "It is reported that NASA, the space agency, won't renew the investigation."

"It is all part of a conspiracy of silence regarding the many valid sightings of these UFOs," Aho said.

Aho said he was convinced that the "conspiracy of silence" exists because UFOs travel around the earth at great speed "without stopping at any gaso-line stations."

"They don't need our fuel, or our electrical energy," he said. "They have a form of energy that is unknown to us."

"This new energy source would destroy the earth's economic system which is based on our known sources of energy."

TAUNTON, MASS. - GAZETTE
*****JULY 1, 1978*****

Odd-Shaped 'Object' Hovers Over the City

By KATHY MOGAN
Staff Reporter

Was it fireworks or something else that glowed in the sky west of Taunton last night?

Is there any connection between the five-pointed object that seemed to hover over the city for a couple of hours last night and the request by the Connecticut State Police exactly two weeks ago sent out to area police departments for any information on sightings of unidentified flying objects?

There are no official reports on UFOs from any of the police departments in Greater Taunon, nor are there any log reports on sightings at either Logan Airport in Boston or Green Airport in Warwick, R.I.

However, as one control tower employee said, "The crew that's on now wasn't on last night but nothing was relayed to us. We don't have any knowledge of it."

Whatever it was, it was visible to several Tauntonians between 8 and 10 p.m. last night.

"Must be fireworks," said one policeman as the station was called about the sighting.

But those who saw it noted that it stayed in relatively the same position for too long to be any type of aerial display connected with the Kiddie's Day fireworks.

Besides, for those who spotted the glowing object, the fireworks were in the opposite direction. They also reported that it was an exceptionally clear night ruling out a possible reflection-off-the-clouds theory.

First Report

William J. Casey of Briarwood Dr., school superintendent in Belmont, was the first to report seeing it. He notified neighbors and other friends pleading, "Tell me I'm not going crazy," as he asked them to verify what he was seeing.

After the expected kidding about starting the holiday early, his neighbors and friends also saw the object, which one man said seemed to be bobbing up and down slightly, and watched as it gradually dipped below the tree line.

It could also be seen from the Bennett School where several people gathered to watch the two-hour display.

One woman said she spotted the object while driving on Danforth St. at about 10 p.m. Considering briefly that it might be a UFO, she dismissed that notion when a tree blocked her vision for a few seconds and she spotted the object at a different point shortly after. "It was too far from the first place I'd seen it," she said. "I didn't think anything could move that fast so I decided it must have been two planes."

However, about 15 minutes later, the same shape was seen moving west by a Portsmouth, R.I. man who was at home at the time.

While it had been in Taunton, several observers stated that several airplanes were flying over and around it. "There seemed to be an unusual number of planes in that area of the sky at the time," one viewer said.

At least three people said they could detect a greenish light glowing from one of the top points of the object as well.

Air Force offices were closed for the day and officials were unavailable for comment.

Who - or what - trimmed Harlan Berg's cornfield?

By JAMES NEY

Register Staff Writer

Could it be a strange encounter of the second kind?

Lyon County Sheriff Craig Vinson says he has no better answer. "It makes me wonder if it was a UFO," says Vinson, who adds that he is "a firm believer that there are other people around from other territories [outer space]."

Vinson is puzzled about a mysterious, half-mile long swath cut in Harlan Berg's cornfield about three miles west of Rock Rapids.

The corn, which was about 6 inches high, was snipped off in a curved pattern about an inch above the ground with each stalk left lying neatly in a row on the ground to the south of each corn plant, Vinson said.

Berg noticed the strange scene early Thursday morning when he went out to cultivate his corn, Vinson said. Vinson went out immediately to investigate, and estimated the cutting had taken place about daybreak.

"There no footprints and no animal tracks throughout the entire path," which was about 25 to 30 rows wide, the sheriff said.

It makes one wonder if it weren't carried out by some type of hovering craft, but there were no burns on the ground or any other indication that a helicopter-like craft might have been used, he said.

Vinson starts thinking about UFOs as an explanation because there have been several other similar mysterious

incidents in Lyon County in recent years, he said.

About three years ago, one of his deputies investigated "the very same type of thing" - only that was in a beanfield not far to the south of Berg's cornfield, he said.

And about a year ago, "we had a very large round burned area in a beanfield, again with no footprints or tracks of any kind," the sheriff said.

"If I could find some tracks or footprints anywhere, I'd think somebody was having some fun," Vinson said.

"But this was no animal, and no person. If it was, they were walking around on air."



OCEANSIDE, N.Y. - BEACON
****JUNE 15, 1978*****

UFO call in O'side

Fourth Precinct Nassau County police twice responded to a report of a flying saucer sighting on Harold Road, Oceanside, on Monday night. Despite insistence by Marion Linet and her daughter Rhonda, 18, that they had indeed seen a UFO, police maintain the only flying object in view at 10 pm, was an airplane.

Following a visit by police officer James Gardner to the Linet home - after Mrs. Linet had phoned police - a second call was received at the precinct. Both officer Gardner and Sgt. William Meyers, whom police refer to as the precinct's "resident UFO expert," responded. Mrs. Linet was asked to get in touch with the Federal Aviation Administration with details of the sighting she reported to the police officers. No other calls about the UFO were received at the precinct, police said.

Outer space visitors

It was a very warm night in Kingston, Ontario. The stars were out and the moon was full. Everything stood still ... except for a glowing light moving through the still night air. All of a sudden it was gone, right through the clouds. Next morning on the radio Bill heard about the strange object that was in the sky.

Bill just said, "Hogwash, there are no U.F.O.s around here, there's no such thing."

After he listened to the radio he went outside to play catch with his friend Steve. Steve was a sort of stout fellow, he wore glasses and he had freckles all over his face.

Steve said: "Hey Bill, did you hear on the radio about the U.F.O. last night?"

"Yeah, I did," answered Bill "but I don't believe in them."

After a fairly long conversation about the U.F.O. Bill and Steve finally set out to play catch. They were playing for a few hours until they saw a round, silvery object flying through the sky.

"That doesn't look like a plane," said Bill. "Well it doesn't look like superman," said Steve.

They saw it land in the park. People were running in terror when they saw it. Babies were screaming, adults were yelling, children were crying, and so on. The door of the ship opened and there were two ugly things coming out. When the police came they had guns of all shapes and sizes. One of them shot at one of the things. They both ran in fear into the ship and took off. Bill and Steve were happy that the spacemen went back to their own planet.

Kingston, Ontario was saved. But, do you think they'll ever come back?

Jimmy Leggat

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*****JUNE 25, 1978*****

Mutilations Raise UFO Question

ELSBERRY, Mo. - Four reported cases of cattle mutilations near this eastern Missouri town have sparked the interest of law enforcement officials and UFO investigators and spawned at least one apparently unfounded rumor of another mutilation. Elsberry Police Chief John Livengood said Friday his investigation of the incidents was continuing and that several UFO investigators from St. Louis were in town waiting for the weather to clear.

Cattle mutilations have been reported throughout the Midwest and West for several years and have been blamed on visitors from outer space, Devil cults and wild dogs or coyotes Livengood said he didn't know what the causes were, but he didn't believe the mutilations were caused by predators.

Links UFO Sightings To Cattle Mutilation

Recent incidents of cattle mutilation and reported sightings of UFOs have left Elsberry residents mystified and a little jittery.

As one Lincoln County Sheriff's department deputy put it, "Everyone around here is beginning to see spooks."

Sam Mayes and Henry Hagemeyer, two Elsberry farmers, found cattle mutilated in fields on their farms Saturday. The incident is the fourth in the area within the last two months.

Carcasses in two of the incidents were found with one eye, one ear, and the tongue missing. The udders, genitals and rectums were cut from three of the carcasses "in a perfect circle," police said.

Police Chief John Livengood said he believes the mutilation is related to a reported UFO sighting in the area last weekend.

Water Superintendent Manford Hammond said he spotted a large bright object "shaped like two saucers placed upside down on each other" hovering above a wooded area southeast of town about 10:45 p.m. Sunday.

"It was like something right out of a Buck Rogers comic strip," Hammond said. "It wasn't an airplane, and it wasn't a balloon; it wasn't like anything I'd ever seen."

Hammond reported the incident to police, and by Monday afternoon, Livengood said, about a half dozen other residents had reported similar sightings.

"I think the mutilations and the sightings are too much of a coincidence not to be related," Livengood said.

One farmer, who found a mutilated heifer June 8, reported seeing lights in the sky near his property June 10, 11 and 12, Livengood said.

Livengood said he had contacted UFO researchers in Chicago and St. Louis to act as consultants in the police investigation of both incidents. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department also is conducting an investigation.

Livengood said similar incidents involving mutilation and UFO sightings occurred three years ago in Foley, Mo., about six miles south of Elsberry.

Livengood said he saw a UFO at that time.

"I'm not saying that I believe people from outer space are coming down here to kill our cattle," he said. "But somebody, somewhere is."

Mutilations that occurred in 1975 in two other Missouri towns — Sedalia and Buffalo — were attributed by some authorities to devil worshippers.

And Mrs. Henry Hagemeyer, whose

cattle were mutilated Saturday, would agree with them. "I can't tell you anything about this UFO business because I didn't see it," she said, "but I think some kind of cult or devil worshippers are doing this."

Mrs. Hagemeyer discounted reports that the mutilations were the work of a predator. "No animal slices off the ear of another animal or just eats one eye," Mrs. Hagemeyer said.

Mrs. Hagemeyer said there were no tracks in or out of the field where the slain cattle were found. She said a grassy area surrounding the carcasses "had been beaten down in a perfect circle."

Spokesmen for the Sheriff's Department said authorities were waiting for another incident before they perform an autopsy. No cause of death had been determined for the mutilated carcasses, which were all found within a four- to six-mile radius of each other, spokesmen said. |

ANDERSON, IND. - HERALD
*****JUNE 22, 1978*****

'Loud explosion'

ELWOOD — Madison County police authorities early Wednesday morning were called to a rural area near here after residents were reportedly awakened by a "loud explosion."

Officers were reportedly notified of the strange occurrence in the sky east of Elwood Wednesday morning. Reports indicate what appeared as a large ball of fire streaked across the sky before suddenly vanishing.

ONE WITNESS told The Herald Wednesday evening she was awake around 2:20 a.m. when a bright light filled her bedroom. The woman said she looked out her window and observed a "brilliant, yellow-gold light" in the sky.

According to the woman, she first thought an airplane had exploded in mid air. A check by police agencies, however, determined no plane crashes had occurred overnight.

One policeman also said the department had received no reports of UFO sightings during the early morning hours Wednesday.

THE WOMAN reported the brilliant mass of light appeared to hover in one area before an explosion appeared, shooting the light forward.

"It was the most beautiful thing," she told The Herald. I have never seen a color like that before."

The woman explained her husband was asleep at the time and did not observe the occurrence.

Police authorities reportedly checked the area of the incident but were unable to find evidence of a crash.

ESCANABA, MICH. - PRESS
*****JUNE 5, 1978*****

7 boys see flying objects

POWERS-SPALDING — Seven youths from the Powers-Spalding area reported an object flying low over the North Central area Sunday night.

Willie, Larry and Keith Charlier, John Triest, Joey Pavlot, Mack McNellis and Jerry Wilson were in the ball field when they heard a high pitched whining sound. The boys looked up and saw something with large bright white lights coming towards them from the southwest. A large red flashing light was in the center or on the main section of the object.

The object was moving very slow although it sounded like it was traveling very fast.

The main part of the object was cigar shaped but was larger in the center, sort of like a blimp. As the object approached it seemed to hover above them the boys reported. It had very short wings only long enough for the lights.

The object preceded northeast and the boys watched it as it disappeared behind the trees. |

Pawhuskans Experience Close Encounters With UFO's

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was published last Thursday in the Pawhuska Daily Journal-Capital concerning several sightings of unidentified flying objects in the area north of Pawhuska in Osage County. Happy reading!

Several Pawhuska and Nelagoney residents may think they're starring in "Close Encounters of the Second Kind" following a rash of UFO sightings over the last few months.

The latest sighting was reported Tuesday night when an object described as "large with a blinding white light and a blinking bluish-green and red lights", hovered over a freshly plowed field between Pawhuska and Nelagoney.

Paul Kendrick, a Tulsa resident, was plowing the land at night for his father when the object reportedly stopped near Kendrick and hovered approximately five feet above the ground.

The object moved away from the area when Kendrick drove toward it on the tractor, according to Mrs. Harold Danner. Mrs. Danner said her husband pumps oil wells in the area and that Kendrick told her husband about the incident.

Mrs. Danner said her husband went to the area the following night and also observed the object near the field.

The J-C, in repeated efforts to find Kendrick, was unable to locate him for comment.

The strange sightings probably began February 21 when a Nelagoney resident, Virginia Craun, observed an object flying around the hills between Pawhuska and Nelagoney.

Craun said she was on her way to a meeting in Pawhuska when she saw the object.

"I remember that it just kind of darted around," Mrs. Craun said. "It wasn't following me but I did see the object for several miles."

Mrs. Craun said the object "looked like a star" and she described it as "shiny with white lights all around it."

She said the object looked like a big circle of light in the sky.

But the strangest occurrence was when the object hovered directly over Mrs. Craun's car.

"I remember looking up at it and seeing static electricity jumping all around in the bottom of it," she said.

"You've seen movies where people have those electricity machines," she said. "Well, it looked just like that."

Mrs. Craun said she did not contact authorities on the matter for fear of "being laughed at."

She added that since that time she has not seen the object.

Another interesting sidelight: Mrs. Craun and Kendrick are cousins.

Other sightings of the strange object have been reported by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watts on Skyline Drive in Lynn Addition.

Mrs. Watts said her husband is an oil pumper in the same areas as is Danner. She, her husband and her have sat on their back porch and watched several objects hovering over the area.

"They do not move or they move very slowly," Mrs. Watts said, describing the objects as "round with a white light and bluish green and red blinking lights," the same description given by other observers.

But Mr. and Mrs. Watts are unique. They have seen more than one of the objects, where other citizens reported only seeing one object.

"This has been going on for two months," Mrs. Watts said.

We first thought it was a plane or something, but it didn't move. It just stayed in one place most of the time," she said.

Mrs. Watts also said they have seen "an orange glow" deep in the woods near the home of Richard Blake, in Skyline addition.

"It is too bright to be a porch light and it is not there all the time," she said. "My husband and I have started to investigate, but I like to search for things in the daylight," she laughs.

Mrs. Watts said her husband has not seen the object while working on oil wells between the two cities, but added they both have observed objects while at home.

Mrs. Fay Roberts, a resident that lives with her husband deep in the woods near where the Kendrick incident occurred, reported she has not seen the object, but did say her son has seen "lights" in the area.

Mrs. Roberts also said that field where the sighting occurred Monday night is listed as an emergency landing field with the American Aviation Administration. This could not be confirmed with AAA officials in Tulsa, however.

Three Journal-Capital staffers (safety in numbers?) drove to the scene of the last sighting Wednesday night in hopes of capturing the object "on film."

It was a beautiful night, but that was about it.

But Mrs. Watts explained that

weeks passes before the object returns. However, Kendrick did say the object usually appears in the sky at approximately 10 p.m.

A number of Pawhuska police officers and Osage County deputies reported seeing unidentified lights in the western skies approximately a month ago.

According to Pawhuska Police Officer Shelby Gillett, the lights were red and blue with a white light revolving around them. Gillett said officers and deputies watched the lights that evening from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. and they seemed to be hovering but not moving with any speed. One set (two were reported seen) appeared to move a short distance, Gillett said.

According to Gillett the lights were west of Pawhuska; one appearing near Fairfax, and the other over Shidler.

Osage County Sheriff's Deputy Dale Pinney said the lights he saw had been tentatively identified as the Northern Lights by some but he wasn't going with that story.

According to Pinney, the lights appeared to be on one particular unit. There was no way to measure their altitude, he said.

Pinney said officers in Fairfax and Barnsdall also surveyed the lights but no positive identification was made.

One Osage County Sheriff's Department official who asked to remain unidentified said he watched the lights from his house then drove west to investigate further. The officer said he also contacted the airport, who reported that the lights had not been picked up on radar. The man had no explanation for the sight but said "It was not a helicopter."

Area residents see more UFO

By MARY RHODES **PAGE ONE**

Courier-Post Staff Writer

ELSBERRY (Special) — Elsberry residents reported to police the spotting of six UFOs in the skies over their town Friday night and the death of another cow, Police Chief Jon Livengood reported this morning.

The cow, owned by the Russell Taylor family, was struck by lightning Friday night and found dead the next morning. There were reports of some of the "UFO lights" landing in the area where the cow was found.

Puzzled over a series of cow

mutilations, area people have been out looking for lights in the skies which allegedly are the cause of the mysterious animal deaths.

About 34 cars were lined up along Highway B outside of Elsberry Friday night with passengers armed with binoculars and cameras in hopes of getting a better view of the possible UFOs.

Infra-red photographs were taken by representatives from UFO authorities from southeast Missouri, Livengood said.

The police chief said he is anxious to

see the pictures to identify what the lights are.

In other unusual incidents related to UFO sightings, Helen Gladney reported to authorities she found a round circle of discolored grass on property near her clubhouse on the Mississippi River about nine miles north of Elsberry Sunday morning.

The circle was about 14 feet in diameter with the grass almost black. Mrs. Gladney said a second circle was circumscribed in the larger one.

Mrs. Gladney said a dark powder came off in her hands after touching the grass.

No noise was heard during the night and Mrs. Gladney said she assumed something happened during the night to cause the spot.

Elsberry residents are not scared, but determined to find out what is causing the mysterious cattle deaths and the pattern of lights in the sky that appear both before and after the deaths, Livengood said.

"We're just waiting for another cattle death to perform an autopsy," Livengood said. "We've got to find it within six hours of death and that is going to be hard to do."

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UFO may have left trace, Ayers says

An unidentified flying object (UFO) may have left a "physical trace" near Square Lake in Washington County, according to investigator Brad Ayers.

Ayers said he inspected the area March 23, the day following the reported sightings of a UFO northeast of the Twin Cities.

"Although a number of witnesses reported 'it nearly touched the ground,' only one suggested a possible area of physical trace," the investigator stated in an interview.

What was it?

"A GENERALLY CIRCULAR spot on the ground, six to eight feet in diameter, where the snow had melted very rapidly," Ayers said.

Ayers, representative of the Center for UFO Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., declined to give the exact location of the spot, other than to say, "It's in a family's garden."

He also refused to identify the person who reported the "physical trace."

HARDIN, ILL. - CALHOUN HERALD
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UFO's And Mutilated Cattle Putting Elsberry On The Map

The little town of Elsberry, situated in the Missouri bottomland a few miles from the Mississippi River across from Hamburg, Ill., is attracting the attention of TV, Radio and UFO Experts.

Cattle in the area are being mutilated and natives have sighted what they claim to be a UFO of dazzling brilliance...in the area

where the bovines have been so mysteriously slain.

The Elsberry story brings to mind the turmoil created a few years ago by the Missouri Monster which originated in the hills around Louisiana, Mo. TV cameras were brought in and crowds flocked to this little River town in hope of sighting the monster which later was discovered to be a hoax perpetrated by a couple of natives.

Strange object sighted in Galt

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Two individuals reported to the Galt Herald last week that they had seen an unusual-looking object in the sky last Monday around 10 p.m.

The first individual who asked his name to be withheld said he was driving southbound on Lower Sacramento Road between 10 and 10:30 p.m. just past the undercrossing at Forest Lake Golf Course.

"When I got there there were from five to eight cars already parked watching the thing. It had two wings, was round in the middle, and no tail.

"It had two bright white lights under both wings, like spotlights and a red one underneath the middle," the first man said.

He said it was about a half mile high and was on the east side of the road. "It made a weird humming noise," he added.

It just hung there for a moment or two and then took off real quick towards Galt, he noted.

The other observer, a Galt man, said that he was located at 5th and C Streets near Galt Auto Supply when he saw what seems like the same "thing" as the other man.

"It was about 50 feet above the water tower by the club. It had white lights on both sides. One thing's for sure—it was no jet or helicopter. I've never known a jet to stop and stay in one place before, he commented.

"It was low, real low. But I couldn't see any red light on the bottom. Although it had a funny-shaped bottom."

He said it stayed for just a few moments and then took off slowly in a northwest direction. As soon as it started leaving, he jumped in his car and didn't look back.

There was a call at the police department from if there had been any reports of strange sightings in the area that night. She would not give her name.

Another girl who lives here in town mentioned that she had also seen it and that it was no helicopter.

Numerous other residents in town had either heard something strange that night or saw something around the time of the sighting. But what it was, we may never know.

MIAMI HERALD - FLORIDA
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UFO Author Asserts Military Is Hiding Frozen 'Humanoids'

CINCINNATI — (UPI) — The latest UFO account to surface is a mind-boggler.

A veteran UFO (unidentified flying objects) researcher claims that crashed UFOs and the occupants — humanoids 3½ to 4½ feet tall from another solar system — have been retrieved by American military officials.

Autopsies have been performed on the bodies which currently are in a "deep freeze" for preservation and more study, said Leonard H. Stringfield.

(UFO believers circulated an identical story four years ago at a convention in Tampa. A spokesman at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, where Stringfield claims the humanoid bodies are being kept, said the story has resurfaced at subsequent UFO conventions.

"(OUR RESPONSE every time is, 'No, there never have been and there are not now any humanoids at Wright Patterson Air Force Base,' " a public information officer at the base said.)

Stringfield, 57, said his claims — based on "reliable sources" — will be presented in full July 29 at an international UFO convention in Dayton, Ohio.

"This will be my most important presentation ever," said Stringfield, author of a UFO book and frequent lecturer on the disputed topic of whether aliens have visited the earth.

"I won't go there to produce final evidence," he said. "My job is to open the eyes and minds of the pub-

lic and get them prepared for what I believe the government is getting ready to tell them.

"I think there are government preparations to release certain information, but I think it will be spoon-fed to them. In my presentation, I am going to urge that the government release the evidence to support the reports of my reliable sources."

STRINGFIELD'S coming presentation will be entitled "Retrievals of the Third Kind."

"The first part concerns the recovery of crashed UFOs with the occupants held in military custody and the second part concerns the retrieval of the UFOs, where they occurred and what time," he said.

"I also will present information on autopsies of the aliens, which were humanoids, but not human, ranging from 3½ to 4½ feet tall. Some of the bodies are still around, having been placed in deep freeze for preservation.

"I don't know where the aliens came from. I expect they are from another solar system, light years away."

Stringfield, who alleged the recoveries occurred between 1948 up through the 1970s, said the bodies are at military bases such as Dayton's Wright Patterson Air Force Base, where the Air Force used to run a UFO study center, "Operation Bluebook."

Asked if he believed any of the aliens were captured alive, Stringfield said, "I can't comment on that at this time."

— POLICE INVESTIGATE 'CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Strange marking discovered in

by Winser Davis
and
August Lehe

It's not often that folks start the day wondering if they had visitors from outer space during the night. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hayes of Sylacauga can't say for sure, but they sure are wondering about an experience they shared early Friday morning.

Hayes, who starts the day at 5 a.m., opened his front

door to discover an 11-foot circular marking in his front yard. Not sure if the early morning light wasn't playing tricks, he decided to wait for more light.

By 6 a.m., the Hayes decided that they had something unusual on their hands. They had eliminated such ideas as a teenage joke or chimney soot, so they decided to call local police.

Hayes said the decision to alert the police was not

taken lightly. "I wasn't sure how to go about calling them. We didn't want to get the police alarmed, running out here with their sirens going and all. We just couldn't figure it out."

Noticing that their two dogs stayed away from the circle and remained unusually quiet, Hayes examined the circle for himself. Consisting basically of a black outline with several different size spots in the center, the black film covered each blade of grass. Strangely enough, the grass wasn't burned or parched.

"These dogs just wouldn't go nowhere about that," said Hayes, who made frequent attempts to coax one or the other of the dogs to come to him while he stood in or near the circle.

Sylacauga police and a department photographer arrived about 6:30 a.m. only to appear as puzzled as the Hayes.

They tried to burn it, thinking it was some kind of grease," said Hayes. "But it didn't burn or catch fire."

After taking pictures and gathering samples of grass to analyze, the police asked Hayes to preserve the circle as long as possible.

"It's fading now that the grass is drying," said Hayes. "First thing this morning it was real black, but now it's fading," Hayes told a Sylacauga NEWS reporter and photographer who arrived on the scene early Friday.

Questions remain unanswered, perhaps they always will.

local yard

Hayes has considered the possibility that the circle is the ashes of some piece of space junk falling out of orbit. Hayes would prefer a nice easy and natural explanation for the now fading circle on his front lawn, but he's not so certain such an explanation will come.

Hayes agrees that many folks are tempted to connect the circle with the UFO phenomenon. But he has no proof for such a theory other than the circle itself, since neither he nor his wife, remember seeing anything strange in the skies or around the neighborhood Thursday night before they retired for the night.

The only thing with a possible connection to the circle happens to be a sound

that both the Hayes and neighbors recall hearing around 11 p.m.

"I turned in a little after dark, Up til then I hadn't heard or seen anything strange at all. But about 11 o'clock, we heard what sounded like the slamming of a car door. And I remember thinking that the door sure was slammed awful hard," Hayes said.

"That's about all I can tell anybody about it," said Hayes.

"We did do the right thing. Letting the police know and all. Didn't we?" Hayes asked.

The big questions remain unanswered. The explanation could be simple. But maybe, just maybe, Sylacauga was blessed with a close encounter of its own.

MONTREAL, CANADA - GAZETTE
*****JUNE 30, 1978****

YOU CAN RELAX, FOLKS IT WAS ONLY A PLANE

A close encounter of the third kind in Montreal West?

The rumour buzzed amongst the suburban residents after an unidentified flying object skimmed by at high speed late Wednesday night.

Don't panic.

The UFO has been identified as a fighter plane on its way to the Canadian Armed Forces base in St. Hubert.

"It looked like a torpedo with a blue flame out the back," says Beverly Lawson, 19. "We had a ball game at the park and there was a very, very

loud noise. Everyone just stopped and looked up...I guess it was about 10 (p.m.)."

Lawson says she had never seen a UFO before Wednesday and adds, "Yeah, well I believe in UFOs."

Officials at the air base confirmed that an American CF-5 fighter#interceptor on its way from Duluth, Minnesota arrived in St. Hubert about the time Lawson observed her first UFO.

After learning the cause for excitement was an airplane, Lawson said, "That's what some of us thought."

Re: Park Falls Herald June 1 Issue -- UFO Sighted Locally.

Dear Editor:

Last summer, while visiting in Park Falls, we saw two UFO's. We had had a late dinner after a polka dance and were returning home at 3 a.m. Suddenly, we saw a bright object in the distant sky, resembling a huge star. It was still in the eastern sky when we got home. We sat and watched it from the house. Ken thought perhaps it was a meteorite when it shot across the sky. Those thoughts were quickly dispelled when it shot back to its original station, and became very dim. Then, within an instant, it grew from dim and small to bright and large again. Once again it darted across the sky. This time we realized it had gone to another smaller object. The smaller object seemed to be flashing red and green. Our daughter woke up and we watched while the larger object darted back and forth across the sky. The large object was still brightly visible after the sun was up.

We called the police, but have to wonder now if it ever got reported. It's understandable the police could've thought it was a hoax because:

1. -- It was 3 a.m. I explained we were returning from a party, but we were sober; I hadn't had a thing to drink! (Actually, I was on a bland diet for a stomach ailment and couldn't drink).

2. -- We identified ourselves -- explaining Ken was Lt. Colonel in the Air Force stationed at the Space and Missile Systems Organization in Los Angeles. Coincidentally, Ken has been working in Aerospace for eighteen years. He was involved with Skylab and the Viking Programs at Martin-Marietta in Denver, Colorado. In Los Angeles, he is Director of Procurement for the NAV-STAR Global Positioning Satellite System. He realized what we saw wasn't an airplane or a satellite.

Our experience left us awestricken. Reading the article of Mr. Vuchetich's sighting, we

realize the similarities between his experience and our own. We are sorry if our sighting didn't get reported. Along with Mr. Vuchetich, we urge others to come forward. From word we have received since last summer, we have reason to believe others have had similar experiences -- that the "objects" have been visible for many months in the Park Falls area. Generally, there is an explanation for UFO sightings; at other times there is none. Regardless, it's important to report them so they can be properly investigated.

Sincerely,
Lt. Col. & Mrs. Ken JuVette
9781 Colverdale Ave.
Westminster, CA 92683

P.S. -- According to our daughter's diary, our sighting occurred early Sunday morning on July 17. There had been a power failure due to a thunderstorm earlier Saturday evening.

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Reflection no boat, couple says

By JIM MEYER

Northwestern Staff Writer
MENASHA — Virginia Adrian and her husband, Frank, aren't sure what it was they saw last night, but it wasn't a motorboat.

The retired couple were on their back porch at 833 Broad St., shortly before 11 p.m. when they both noticed a bright red reflection. Mrs. Adrian said at first she and her husband thought it was a light from a passing boat until they looked skyward and saw a "great big red ball."

Mrs. Adrian said she immediately went into the house to get a pair of binoculars, and when she returned the object had disappeared.

Menasha police are as puzzled as the Adrians over the UFO sighting and report one other incident from Monday night.

John Q. Mitchell, 474 Rainbow Beach Road, told police he observed two objects over Lake Winnebago near Menasha circling each other and traveling in an erratic fashion. Mitchell told police he made the observa-

SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER - WASH.
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UFO Fans Claim Saucer Fly-over

By Gaye Vandermyn

A squadron of four spacecraft passed over the UFO airport on Mount Rainier at midnight Saturday, claimed 25 of those who attended the landing field's dedication that day.

A natural clearing in the woods at the Cedar Park Camp not far from Longmire, was dedicated Saturday as an Interplanetary Neutral Zone for UFO contacts by the New Age Foundation at its 17th annual convention. The foundation owns the camp.

Jai Bates, a residential care counselor from Portland, was one of the first to observe the lights in the sky. Bates said he saw one bright bluish-white light that at first he thought might be an aircraft. Then he claims he saw two more lights and then a fourth. The squadron, according to Bates, was flying in a diamond formation.

"When they were right overhead, one of the lights broke formation and seemed to lower its elevation while doing a zigzag," he said. Bates said that light rejoined the formation, then the

other light at the wide part of the diamond broke formation and did a small zigzag and then rejoined the formation.

Wayne Aho, president of the New Age Foundation, claims the lights were between 3,000 and 5,000 feet high and moved slowly from the south to the northern horizon toward Mount Rainier. He said the sighting lasted five to seven minutes and all 25 people reported the same details of the sighting.

Aho claims the lights moved too slowly over too much distance to be aircraft or flares or balloons. He said about an hour earlier the conference participants surprised a group of men in a panel truck preparing to launch balloons. He believes they were a sabotage group trying to confuse the conference. The men fled when they were discovered, Aho said.

Aho believes the appearance of the bright lights was a message of support from outer space for his group, the UFO landing strip and the group's "achievement of harmony" in their weekend conference.

tion around midnight from Hunters Point Road just east of Neenah along Lake Winnebago.

Mrs. Adrian said at first she thought she was "seeing things" and said this morning she was relieved to know that another sighting had been made.

"All I can say was it was like a great big red ball of fire. I walked out to the back porch to sit down and I saw a big red reflection on the river," she said. "Frank and I thought it might be a reflection from a motorboat until we looked up and saw it."

Unidentified Flying Objects Seen When Cows Mutilated

• One of a Series
By **WOODY GREENBERG**
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Reports by Goochland state farm guards of seeing an unidentified flying object during the series of cattle deaths and mutilations in March and April parallel similar descriptions of bright lights in the sky associated with cow deaths in Midwestern states.

But the UFO reports from Colorado and other states have also been coupled with sightings of helicopters, which may provide a link with an occult group named in a federal agency's report as being responsible for the mutilation-killings.

Two corrections officers in Goochland reported, independent of each other, they had seen something out of the ordinary swoop out of the sky at 5:15 a.m. on April 10.

Officer Ben Eldridge was on a stake-out, waiting for whatever or whomever it was that had killed eight of the cows in the previous three weeks.

Killed them and left them with teats and ears surgically removed. Killed them without a trace of how or why.

On that morning, Eldridge was standing in a corner of the field, near a hay barn, looking at a herd of 30 to 40 black Angus and whitefaced cattle, which were to the east. He looked over his right shoulder.

"Here the thing was," he recalled later, "pointed directly at me. It was round, red and real bright, about 10 to 12 feet long, probably longer. It really scared me when I first saw it."

A red glow surrounded the cylinder, about 18 inches out from the silver metal it seemed to be made of, Eldridge remembered.

Eldridge described the object as being "300 to 400 yards away. I thought somebody was shooting at me." But Eldridge didn't hear a sound.

At first, Eldridge thought he was going to have to run to dodge the object, "but then, in a few seconds, it was going sideways. There was no noise at all. It was level, slow, smooth. The farther away it got, the smaller it got."

His report, filed the next day with the state farm superintendent, reads, "it was very bright red with a flaming tail and was traveling approximately 20 feet over the tree tops. This object was coming from the northeast direction going southwest.

When it got over the pasture field it went down in the woods where it burned out."

"I checked the cattle and there were no problems."

No problems for Eldridge, except perhaps with his credibility among fellow officers.

But Eldridge was not alone in his sighting of the night visitor.

Two miles away, at the same time as Eldridge, Corporal R.W. Sluss was working the tower shift at the prison complex. In a report filed the next day, he stated he had seen "an object in the atmosphere. It appeared from the northeast direction and disappeared in a southwestern direction."

"At first sight...I knew it was a large object. It looked like a cloud of steam in front of it and was shooting red sparks behind it. Then it burst in a white light blinding me. It then broke up into large chunks forming a long brilliant tail of white, light blue and light green light. The tail disappeared fast but the main body continued on its horizontal flight disappearing low on the southwest horizon. At the time it disappeared it was breaking dawn and the object appeared to be approximately five miles away from me and about 600 feet off the ground.

"The object seemed rather slow to be a meteorite but was traveling faster than any plane. It did not seem to be at great height."

Sluss added at the end of his report, "In my belief, this object was a little flying meteorite."

Although no dead cows were found that night, the descriptions of the UFO's given by Eldridge and Sluss bear a resemblance to what law officers and ranchers in the Sterling, Colo., area report having seen during a two-year skein of cattle mutilations there.

According to newspaper accounts in Oct., 1977, Sheriff Harry Graves reported a "very definite connection between the lights and mutilations because each time we've had a mutilation the lights have been seen."

The sheriff said he and four other officers had seen eerie bright objects - dubbed Big Mama and the Baby UFO's - which look "like a huge, brilliant star that hovers high in the sky for up to 90 minutes and then suddenly disappears at great speed."

Graves said that sometimes as many as three baby UFO's have "come out of the belly of Big Mama and their lights are very bright," according to news accounts.

The sheriff said the little UFO's "get



BEN ELDRIDGE
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done with whatever they're doing (and) join up with the big one and disappear."

In Goochland, another guard at the state farm, 16-year-veteran William Tyler, reported seeing a "big light, the size of a car light," on April 11, the day after the sightings by Eldridge and Sluss.

Tyler said he watched the light for five minutes at about 11 p.m. "It looked like it was standing still. Then all at once, it just disappeared. I made the remark, 'here comes another flying saucer,'" Tyler said, adding that like Eldridge, he had not heard anything.

A check with the radar room at Byrd International Airport disclosed no reports of unusual sightings on either April 10 or 11.

In Colorado, a newspaper photographer took pictures of the mysterious objects, and watched them through a telescope. According to news accounts, a deputy with the photographer said the object at first appeared round, but then disappeared. When it reappeared, it was more "pear-shaped," the deputy said.

However, in Goochland, no cows were found dead between April 4 and April 20, according to farm manager Sidney Strawderman.

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State farm superintendent Walter Riddle described the men who reported the UFO sightings as reliable, with Eldridge having 12 years in corrections work behind him.

Riddle said he had gone to the field where Eldridge had seen the UFO to check if the ground had been scorched where Eldridge had seen the object go down. He found nothing.

The UFO reports not withstanding, in Colorado law officers spent a good deal of time trying to confirm the sightings of helicopters during the rash of mutilation killings there.

In February, 1976, the Sterling, Colo., newspaper reported that the Colorado Bureau of Investigation had a military officer in Colorado Springs under surveillance.

The paper reported the officer had access to military helicopters, owned a ranch west of Colorado Springs, and that he may be the head of a religious occult group in that area.

A wire service story in Sept., 1975, quoted a teacher at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Frank Iannella, who teaches courses in the occult, as stating "Satanism seems to have more of a rich, upper-class following, especially people that get bored and don't know what to do."

The use of helicopters by such a group could explain the lack of tracks or blood near almost all the mutilated carcasses reported.

But the bright lights reported by Eldridge, Sluss and Tyler in Goochland could also have been a diversion to lead investigators off the track of finding the drugs suggested to have been used in a report by a federal agent in Minnesota in 1975.

That report, based on interviews with several prison claimed to be part of a "Church of Satan," pointed towards the use of PCP (phencyclidine) to tranquilize animals and amyl nitrate to speed up body functions to allow the animals to be bled.

The blood and the body parts removed were to be used in rituals by the devil-worshipping group, according to the report.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent who made the report suggested the activities of the occult group should be looked into more closely, and his report contains the names of a number of people said by two inmates to be mem-

In the report, criminal records of each of 14 individuals named were supplied by law enforcement agencies around the country, which, according to the agent, tend to corroborate most of what the inmates said.

A group known as the "Church of Satan" is said to exist in the Richmond area, and two of its members are inmates in the Powhatan Corrections Center adjoining the state farm where the mutilations took place, sources have told The Progress.

But while the UFO reports are intriguing, of more concern to state farm and other state officials is what exactly killed the nine dead cows there, a question a state laboratory was unable to answer.

GRAND FORKSDS, N.D. - HERLAD
*****JUNE 28, 1978*****

UFO spotted near Rolla

Four Rolette County law enforcement officers reported seeing two unidentified flying objects Tuesday night. An officer at Belcourt, N. D., made the first sighting. He notified the sheriff's office at Rolla that the lights were headed in that direction.

Darrell Jeanotte, Rolla, and two other officers there saw two yellow lights over the city about 11:45 p.m. Jeanotte said one moved northeast and the other southeast. He said one of the lights seemed to move straight up and down across the sky. The phenomenon may have been clouds, but the sky was fairly clear at the time, he said.

HUGHES SPRINGS, TEXAS - BEE
*****JUNE 29, 1978*****

Flying saucer denied, 'logical explanation'

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"Calling all cars, calling all cars. An unidentified flying object has been seen."

The Morris County Sheriff's Dept. was notified last Sunday that a real UFO had been sighted.

The actual visit occurred Saturday afternoon.

Deputy Paul Roberson was assigned to investigate.

The sighting was made at a residence between Hughes Springs and Lone Star, along FM 250, near T.E. Mercer Trucking Co.

The radio dispatcher was informed that all the electricity went out when the alleged outerspace cruiser made its initial landing.

A big hole was reportedly left in the ground and grass burned in a eight foot radius of the location.

After only a few minutes of investigation deputy Roberson ascertained what really happened.

"They claimed they saw something come over their house, and then it fell, making a hole in the ground.

"The lights in the house went out, according to them. I went out there.

"They took me to the sighting location. But I didn't find a hole, although the grass was burned.

"I also found two birds that had been burned," said deputy Roberson.

The sheriff's deputy said the grass was green.

Ah, hate to disillusion anyone, but deputy Roberson did have a pretty clear-cut explanation for the "mystery."

First of all, there's the matter of a telephone pole. It seems this tall, round piece of wood was located in the center of the burned grass.

Looking still closer, the deputy discovered that the top of the pole was burned black, as if it had caught on fire.

What do all these clues mean?

"I think it was just a wire that shorted out," said deputy Roberson.

You mean, there really wasn't a flying saucer? That there's a connection between the lights going out; birds, maybe perched on the high line, being burned, and the scorched grass?

"Yeah; but you try telling those people that," said deputy Roberson.

CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA. - PROGRESS
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Duck! The UFOs Have Been Landing Killing Flies, Grass'

By **ABBY COHN**
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

A housewife's discovery Monday morning of a grayish substance etched in her front lawn in St. Charles County has some county sheriff's deputies joking about UFO landing pads—and others a bit worried about them.

Mrs. June Drews, who lives in the Dardenne area, told deputies that she was awakened about 3 a.m. Monday by a light and a "flapping" sound.

When she got up later that morning, Mrs. Drews found a dark horseshoe-shaped pattern in her lawn. The grass in that area had wilted, authorities said.

Bob Mueller, one of Mrs. Drews' neighbors, said that his horses had been "spooked" Monday night, but said that

he had seen no light nor heard any unusual noises.

Mrs. Drews said the noise had sounded like "a duck flapping its wings, but real loud," and lasted about three minutes. She said she was too frightened to investigate.

Opinions vary in the Sheriff's Department on what the substance on the lawn is.

Deputies reported that when they brushed the area with their feet, the substance became powdery. But efforts to wash it off Mrs. Drews' lawn proved fruitless.

A spokesman said a dead fly was found lying in the area. Authorities stress that finding because in the cattle mutilations, dead flies were discovered around the carcasses.

The Sheriff's Department is awaiting a chemist's analysis of the substance. In the meantime, Sheriff Guy L. Koester is taking no chances.

"I'm a little leery of touching it," he conceded.

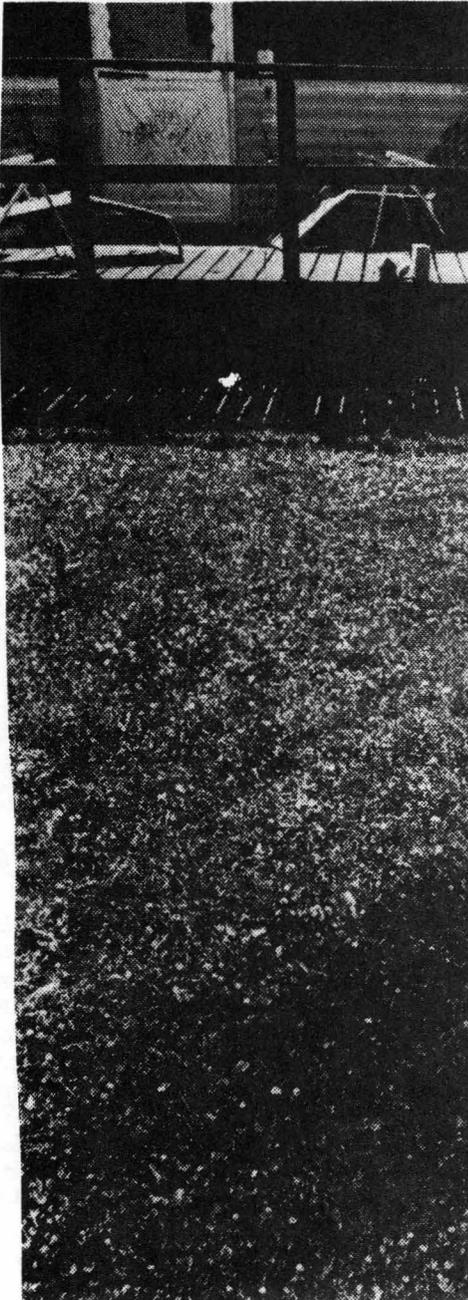
One spokesman speculated that the substance could simply be a fungus. He was at a loss to explain, however, why the substance was only on the top of the grass.

"It's really weird," he said.

Mrs. Drews' encounter follows reports of cattle mutilations and UFO sightings in Elsberry, about 35 miles away. Last Friday, a 74-year-old Wentzville farmer found a badly decomposed cow with one ear missing in his pasture.

The Drews' mobile home is about 15 miles from the Wentzville pasture. Or, as one Sheriff's Department official put it, "five miles, as the saucer flies."

Still the incident has left Mrs. Drews puzzled and frightened. Monday afternoon she said that she "had never believed in UFOs," but added that the incident "had to be something." /



OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD LAWN JOB: Part of a darkened patch of grass in front of the trailer home of June Drews in the Dardenne area. Authorities are analyzing a substance found on the wilted grass to see if it has any connection with reports of mutilated cows and UFO sightings in St. Charles County. (Post-Dispatch Photo by Sam Leone)

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*****JUNE 19, 1978*****

Baffled By UFO

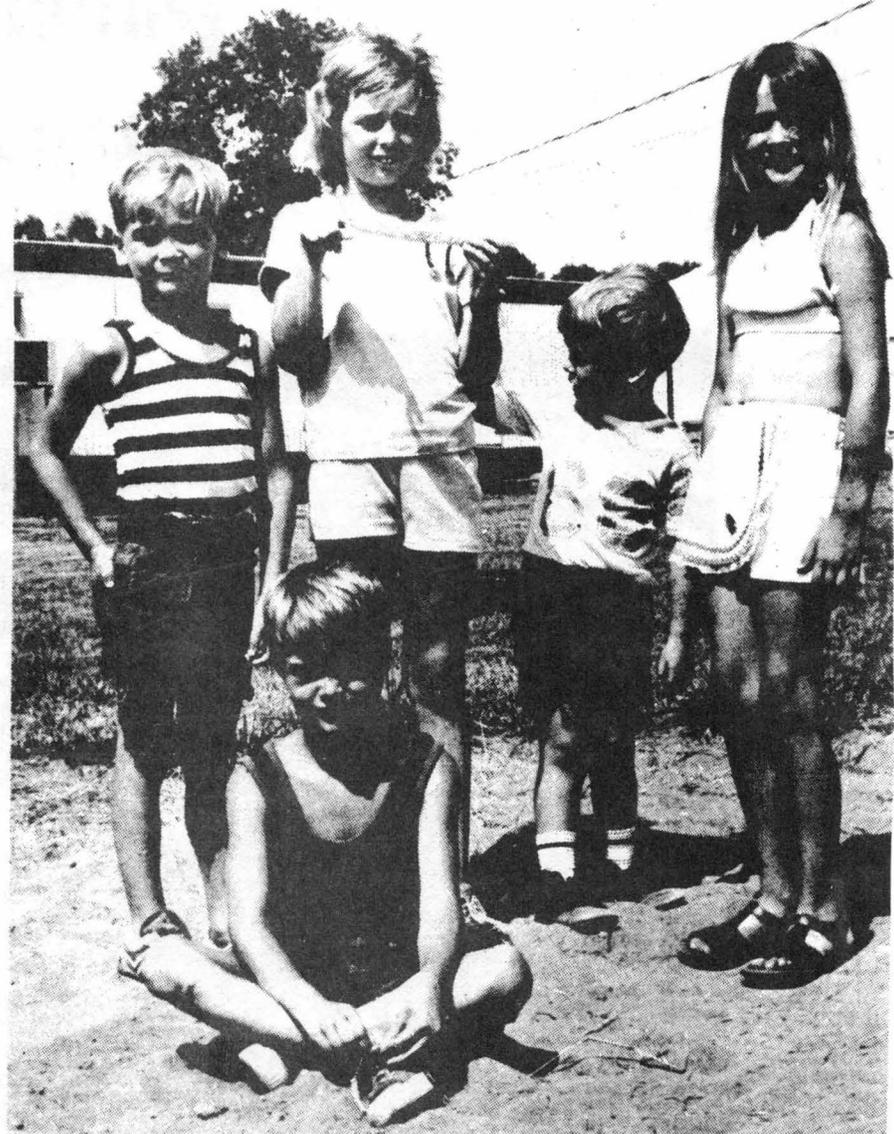
NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (UPI) — A strange hovering light witnesses said was ringed with a blue haze has baffled local authorities and area weather forecasters in the central Nebraska city of North Platte.

The light was seen briefly above a park by two patrolmen about 10 p.m. Saturday, but vanished while the officers tried to find a better location from which to view it.

The National Weather Service said there were no weather balloons in the area and authorities said they could not explain the phenomenon.

Several residents who spotted the light telephoned a local radio station.

One woman reportedly said, "I have been watching this thing for an hour and a half now, and its scaring me to death."



Kids Produce Model Of UFO

AMBER TODD, seven, right, gets an explanaton from her brothers and sisters and a neighbor of the unidentified flying object they saw Wednesday night, June 28, near the mobile home of their grandmother, Helen Lutes, about a mile southeast of Norman. The other children composed with paper and aluminum foil the model of what they saw while Amber was inside for a drink of water. The wingless craft went straight up, then shot off toward Norman, according to the children and their grandmother who saw the craft as it was leaving. From left are Shawn, five; Angela, nine; and Adam, six, sitting, all children of John and Judy Todd of Norman, and Larry George, three, son of Janet and Jerry George of Norman. Young George was first to site the small craft as the children played in a sandpile.

SALEM, ILL - TIMES COMMERCIAL
*****JUNE 30, 1978*****

Flying object spotted by Kinmundy man

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A Kinmundy man reported seeing a flying object from the old Kinmundy blacktop, according to the Marion County Sheriff's department.

Eugene Phillips told authorities that he has been spotting the object for about a week now. He said it flies up and down in the sky, growing quite large at times before it shrinks out of sight.

Phillips made the report at 10:51 p.m. yesterday.

TOHAHAUK, WIS. - LEADER
JUNE 22, 1978*****

UFO Reported Sighted

A UFO was sighted by a county resident along state highway 107 near county trunk highway E about 11 p.m. June 17. The resident said she saw a strange object in the sky which hovered for a short time, dipped down and then disappeared.

Spaceships circled estate, say resident

Eight "spaceships" with engines "revving up" circled a Leeds council estate for two hours last night, claim residents.

Mrs. Iris Stafford, Casterton Gardens, Seacroft, said: "There were eight bright lights circling the sky in all directions.

"Twice they seemed to become brighter like a space ship which boosts its engines."

Her daughter Michelle (12) said: "It was just like a lot of little white balls. But stars don't move like these did."

Neighbours Mr. and Mrs. John Mohammad also watched the circling lights.

BURSTING

Confirmed UFO believer Mr. Mohammad, sporting a "Close Encounters" teeshirt, said: "They were not comets or shooting stars because they did not leave a trail."

His wife Janet said: "The lights kept bursting into greater intensity just like a space rocket separating."

A sceptical Kevin Tyreman was called to see the lights. He said: "They were moving about in the sky and I didn't take my eyes off them for more than two hours."

It was the second mysterious sighting on the estate.

STARRY EYED

A few weeks ago Mrs. Stafford and neighbours spotted a light in the sky changing from red to green to blue to white.

Today, still starry eyed, she said: "I used to think UFOs were a load of tripe, but now I am convinced there are people out there superior to us who do not mean us any harm.

"I do not drink at all so I could not have been seeing things."



Residents of Casterton Gardens who saw the UFOs. From left are Mrs. Iris Stafford and daughter Michelle (12), Mr. Kevin Tyreman, Mr. John Mohammad and his wife Janet.

EVENING POST - LEEDS, ENGLAND
*****MAY 10, 1978*****

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**UFO?
Well
it was
eerie**

EVEN THE most practical Wycombe people have now started seeing flying objects.

Mrs Merete Green, who lives at Sussex Close, Terriers reports a sighting early last week of a probable UFO.

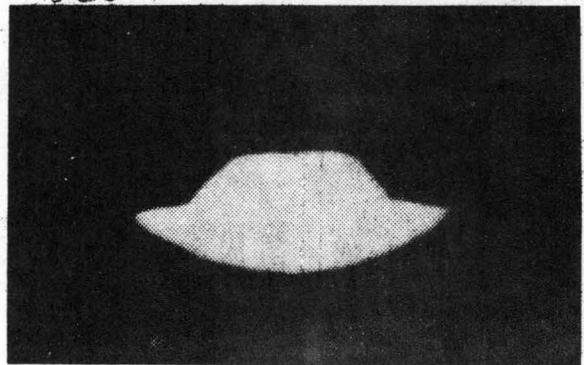
Looking out of her window she saw a large yellowy white object hovering in the sky.

"It stood still for a long time," she told Midweek, "and then suddenly, there was a very strong light underneath looking like sparks, as if an engine was starting, and it moved away." Mrs Green recalls that as they watched she and her husband Christopher could not hear a sound from the object, which looked like a very strong yellow light in the sky.

"We are both very sensible people, she told us, "but we found it quite fascinating to watch. It was definitely not an aeroplane and it seemed similar to the reported sighting by the couple from Bryants Bottom a few weeks ago.

"It was very interesting — but a bit eerie because we didn't know what it was."

BURNLEY EVENING STAR - ENG.
*****JUNE 27, 1978*****



SAUCER SNAPPED!

A flying saucer clearly observed in Shiraz, South Iran was photographed by a 16-year-old student, Jamshid Sayadipour, for a Tehran magazine. The picture was taken in colour with a Cannon MT camera while Jam-

shid was doing his pre-examination studies in Shiraz, where flying saucers are often seen. In colour, three windows in the saucer can be seen clearly. A week later he saw three more saucers flying together in the remote distance

BUCKS, FREE PRESS - ENGLAND
*****MAY 17, 1978*****

UFO probe after blasts in the sky

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Frightened people, many in their nightclothes, dashed into the street when a series of late-night mystery explosions rocked Humberside.

Worried callers from all over the county who jammed police switchboards all said the same thing: "The explosions were immediately overhead."

But today police were still baffled: "We just don't know what caused them," said one spokesman.

The mystery bangs were being discussed today at the conference of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Conference in London.

Chairman Mr. Ken Rogers said: "These explosions have followed a similar pattern to previous incidents."

"We have just had a report from two ladies who live in the Bransholme area of Hull that within five minutes of the explosions they saw what they described as an object like a space ship in the sky."

The explosions — four or five of them — shook houses about 11.30 last night in towns as far apart as Hull and Scunthorpe.

A Humberside police spokesman said today: "We received many calls from people living as far East as the Holderness coast, near Withernsea, to Brough on the west side of Hull. The explosions were also heard at Grimsby and Scunthorpe."

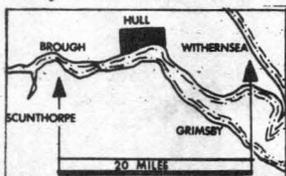
Alert

"We had reports of people running out into the streets in their night clothes because they were alarmed. We put all our patrols on full alert; when our switchboard jammed up with emergency calls."

"So far all our efforts to trace the cause of the explosions have failed. We are completely mystified."

The spokesman said that shortly after the first reports of the explosions officers went to the top of the highest buildings all over the region with binoculars to look for fires.

"We saw nothing. Motor patrols toured chemical works and factories and found nothing. Police visited banks in case a robbery attempt had gone wrong."



The area in which the bangs have been reported.

"We made checks with Air Traffic controls at Leconfield, Binbrook and even as far south as West Drayton, but all reported that no supersonic aircraft were flying in our area."

"What is something of a mystery, is that everyone reporting the explosions, from no matter what part of Humberside, said it had happened immediately overhead."

At Hedon, near Hull, Mrs. Barbara Dent, Inman Road, said: "It was a terrific explosion. It shook the tiles on the roof of the house. I went out into the street and people were running about in their night clothes."

Twelve miles away, in Wold Car Road, Hull, Mrs. Avril Swann said: "A bang shook the house."

"It sounded as though something had exploded in the air just above the house. It was quite terrible. At first I thought there had been another Flixborough."

A police spokesman said they had checked with the Ministry of Defence but they could offer no explanation for the mysterious explosions.

KENT & SUSSEX COURIER - ENGLAND
MAY 19, 1978

GOLFERS SEE BALL OF WHITE LIGHT

FOUR residents of Tunbridge Wells had a "close encounter" recently.

They saw a ball of brilliant white light, which they watched for fifty minutes.

OVERHEAD

Mrs Pat Currie and Miss Pat Mathewick spotted the UFO while they were at the Dale Hill Golf Club, Ticehurst, on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs Currie said: "I first saw it at about 8.30. It was a ball of brilliant white light and it did not appear to be moving."

Said Miss Mathewick: "I watched it with a tree as a reference point. It moved from side to side."

Mrs Currie said: "At about 9.00 o'clock it started to fade. I thought it was going away, but then it got brighter again and came back to the same position."

NO STARS

Mrs Kathleen Morgan, who was at the same table said: "It was dusk, but there were no stars. It was far too bright and large for any star and we had it in sight for too long for it to be an aircraft."

"It hung there for about 40 minutes and just moved from side to side. The people at the next table saw it as well. They were all laughing and talking about little green men."

The thing was seen by a member of the Courier staff, who was driving down the A21. He said: "I saw it at about 9.05, just before I got to Lamberhurst. I had it in view until I got to Hurst Green."

"I stopped the car there and got out to have a good look. It was a ball of brilliant white light about six miles away at 2,000 feet."

"At Hurst Green it passed overhead at about the landing speed of a civil airliner. The windows were brightly lit and the colour of the body was like an unpolished aluminium saucepan."

"The height then was about 1,000 feet and I thought it was lit from outside as well. There seemed to be a flood of white light and then about three constant red lights further back. It passed over me at about 9.20."

The women at the golf club saw it pass overhead a few moments later. Said Miss Mathewick: "It came over the golf club just after 9.20. There was no noise and it was travelling at a terrific speed — much faster than a normal aircraft."

Enquiries made by the Courier have established that any aircraft approaching Gatwick would have to be at a minimum height of 3,000 feet and that they should be at 5,000 feet. Air traffic control reported that: "Traffic was normal on Tuesday night."

The Surrey group on the Investigation of Aerial Phenomena told the Courier that they too had received a report of something strange in the skies on Tuesday night over Tongham, near Farnham.

Robert Stevens, an avid plane spotter, saw the ball of white light near his house and watched it for three or four minutes through binoculars.

Said Omar Fowler of the Surrey group, who interviewed him: "He reported a cylindrical object with white lights at the front and back. It was about the size of the fuselage of a BAC 1-11, but without wings. Its speed was about that of a landing aircraft and it was flying at about 1,000 feet."

Mr Stevens' sighting was made at 9.55, and there were at least three other witnesses. Mr Steven also called the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough and was told that there were no aircraft flying that night.

Eerie 3128 objects zoom in sky

MYSTERY surrounds the sighting on Sunday night of two huge strange objects displaying brightly coloured lights zooming in the sky over a block of flats.

A young couple, dumbfounded by what they and a relative saw from their third floor balcony and disturbed by the eerie humming noise emitted by the objects, called the police.

The objects merged into one while they watched, but vanished by the time the officers arrived.

But the police were also baffled by the sudden and unaccountable appearance of a light that shone through clouds, a light that even obscured the stars and moon.

By this time, other people had gathered on their balconies from the flats in Cold-bath Street, Lewisham. Now all are wondering if an Unidentified Flying Object was responsible.

PC Louis Bennett from Lewisham first saw the light when he came on the scene as a speck which "grew brighter and bigger." It moved slowly and for about 20 minutes they watched until it descended behind the flats and disappeared.

He said: "I have an open mind on such things but it was uncanny. It could have been from a spaceship or a satellite."

Police

Mr Peter Knight, 22, a car sprayer, had left the flats where he lives to make a phone call nearby at about 9.45 pm when he was startled by two brilliant lights in the sky in front of him.

He said: "I rushed home and told my wife Mary and my sister-in-law, Mrs Jacqueline Arthurs. We ran out on the balcony to get a closer look. Kelly, our two-year-old daughter, was with us.

"The two lights were just disappearing. Then, without warning, these massive objects booped out of the clouds.

"They were zooming low at considerable speed and there was this humming noise. It was weird.

"I ran and phoned the police. When I returned, they were still up there. I know something of aeroplanes and I am convinced it was not a plane, a helicopter or anything else. What I saw was a UFO.

"We three stood on the balcony watching and the man from downstairs came up with his binoculars.

"Each object moved with a minimum of noise and then they apparently joined together and zoomed behind some trees, disappearing from view.

"It was a sort of black metallic silver with square protusions jutting out from it. There were amber, green and white lights, about five in all, and this very strong light like a lazer beam—it was so bright."

Camping fun 3128 turns into UFO scare

With schools closed for the week, four Keighley lads decided to set up camp in spare ground at the back of Arctic Street, Beechcliffe. But what was to have been a pleasant adventure turned a bit scary on Monday night when they spotted an unidentified flying object.

Brothers Francis, 15, and Robert Joy, 13, of Skipton Road, Keighley, and their friends Keith Timming, 14, of Cross Roads, and Adrian Brocklesby, 14, of Eelhome View Street, Beechcliffe, were gazing from the flap of their tent at about 1.30 a.m.

"Suddenly we saw a bright white light coming towards us from the direction of Cliffe Castle," said Francis on Tuesday morning.

"It was making a whirring sound and was clearly visible in the sky.

"I ran to a house nearby and the couple came out and saw it as well. It was in our vision for a minute and a half as it moved off in the Bradford direction."

He said the incident was all a bit scary. "We were excited at having seen it, but we were also a bit frightened and didn't get to sleep until after four o'clock," he said.

But the lads weren't too scared to carry on their camping expedition the next night.

It is not Francis's first experience of UFOs. A couple of years ago he was on a youth club outing to Ilkley when he saw an unusual object in the sky.

"It was a diamond shape — something like two colanders joined together with lights coming out," he recalls.

On that occasion the UFO did not make any sound at all. "It floated silently across the sky," says Francis.

YORKSHIRE POST - LEEDS, ENG.
*****JUNE 26, 1978*****

Schoolboy 3128 tells of baffling skywatch encounter

A SCHOOLBOY astronomer reported one of the most baffling sightings on Saturday — the UFO-spotters' "skywatch" day.

Brian Fttorini, 12, of Broom Grove, Belle Isle, Leeds, was outside his home when he saw a bright silvery speck moving in a gap between clouds.

His "close encounter" was one of 17 reported to the British UFO Society on their skywatch — and one of only nine that could not be explained.

He said yesterday: "I saw this dot moving with the clouds for about 12 seconds. When I put up my binoculars to take a closer look I couldn't get a good focus on it but it appeared to be multi-coloured."

The sighting took place in daylight at just after 8 p.m.

A few hours later two UFOs were spotted at Sheffield. One of them, witnessed by three other people, was a white light which had three coloured lights in formation when seen through binoculars.

But plans to stage a special watch from dawn to dusk on the North York Moors had to be abandoned because of low cloud and drizzle.

The nine sightings that could not be explained are now to be studied to see if there is any pattern.

STRANGE LIGHTS OVER YALGOO

YALGOO, Sat. — The whole district of Yalgoo is abuzz with stories of unidentified flying objects and strange lights.

In the past week what has been described as an astronomical phenomenon has been sighted by at least 25 people.

It has been variously described as the planet Venus, a flying grapefruit, a flying saucer and "very pretty, but curious"

On each occasion the object has been seen from the Yalgoo township moving in a westerly direction between 7.50 pm and 8.10 pm.

In its slow moving journey it changes from white to red, blue and orange. Then it vanishes.

"There was no distinct shape, it was just a bright light," Mr Gordon Henderson, owner of the Yalgoo Hotel, said.

"Some say it is the

planet Venus, but it has been travelling at a hell of a pace for a planet."

Mr Henderson said it was not as bright every night.

"On Monday night it was very definite — blood reds, dark blues and strange orange colors," he said.

Suspended

"Two of the locals who spotted it thought they saw it suspended on top of a hill.

"When they drove their car to the top of the hill, the light turned bright orange and flew off."

Mrs Jan Henderson said that on the fourth night about two dozen people went outside to see the light.

"There was definitely something moving and going out towards Geraldton," she said.

"It moved from side to side and rose up and disappeared downwards over the horizon."

Yalgoo Shire Clerk, Mr Ralph Tomkin, who had heard about the previous sightings, made a point of viewing it himself.

"As far as I could see it was only a bright star, but I didn't watch it for long," he said.

"It seemed to be just a star glowing red and green on the horizon. It was very pretty."

A woman at Wagga Wagga Station, near Yalgoo, said she had received a fright on Saturday night about 10.30.

She saw a very bright

orange-white light "like a crescent moon upside down."

She had averted her gaze and looked up again. The light was gone. "I got a bit of a scare because I did not know what it was," she said.

In March last year, prospector Stewart Graham made four sightings in one night at his mine 23km north of Yalgoo.

Grapefruit

In one sighting the object came within four metres of him. He said it was about the size of a large grapefruit and glowed orange.

On other occasions it glowed brightly and swung a huge searchlight across the sky.

The astronomer at Bickley Observatory, Dr

I. Nikoloff, said he had received many inquiries about phenomena such as the one described at Yalgoo.

He said it was not uncommon for layers of different coldness in the earth's atmosphere to move across one another.

These acted like a lens or a diamond reflecting and refracting light.

Light from bright planets such as Jupiter and Venus would then appear to change through all the color spectrum.

The color change could be as quick as every five seconds and in some cases quite dramatic.

Dr Nikoloff said the sightings at Yalgoo would probably be light from Venus passing through different layers of air.

GLASGOW HERALD - ENGLAND
*****JULY 16, 1978*****

Three police sight UFO in Ayrshire

By IAN BRUCE

Three Ayrshire policemen may have had a close encounter of the first kind early yesterday in the six-mile stretch of hills between Drongan and Prestwick Airport.

All three — patrolling independently in different areas — reported seeing a UFO. Their descriptions of the object were relayed via police headquarters in Ayr to Scotland's air traffic control centre at Prestwick.

The first sighting came from Constable William McTaggart, of Dalmellington, who went to investigate a motorist's report of "a ball of fire" in the sky

over a quarry on the Drongan-Hollybush road.

Shortly before 2 a.m. he told headquarters he could see "a spiralling light" over the Carrick Hills.

Just after 3 a.m. Constable Alistair McLeod, of Drongan, radioed in confirmation of the sighting. He said he had seen "something large and red" which disappeared up into the clouds as he watched it.

A few minutes later Constable Bruce Henderson, of Troon, spotted

"an orange-coloured object near the ground with a beam of light projecting skywards from it" north-east of Prestwick Airport.

A police spokesman said later: "We always report sightings to air traffic control. They told us there were no aircraft in the area where the UFO was seen."

An official at Prestwick added: "We did have UFO reports early this morning. Our log shows the weather was clear at the time the reports came through, and

there was no low cloud. As a matter of course we passed the reports on to the military."

Yesterday's incident was the third possible UFO encounter in Ayrshire this year.

On April 18 two policemen and a number of civilians in the Dunlop area reported seeing a round, orange-red object in the sky.

Two days earlier two men dining at a hotel on the Stewarton Irvine road claimed to have sighted a UFO on the ground in daylight. The British UFO Society is investigating both incidents.

UFO — pensioners see a 'fiery saucer'

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A second report of an unidentified flying object being seen over the Ashton area has come this week. This time the spotters are two pensioners.

Mrs. Phyllis Wilson, of Billinge Road, North Ashton, was unable to sleep on Wednesday night last week and about 3.0 a.m. she went to look through her bedroom window.

What she saw in the sky outside gave her a shock and she woke up her husband, Harry, who also saw the phenomenon.

Says Mrs. Wilson: "I'm not a fanciful teenager, I'm a pensioner. I'm convinced now that those people reported in the Wigan Observer as having seen flying saucers were correct.

WINDOW

"Over the houses opposite my bedroom I saw what looked like a fiery saucer in the sky about half a mile away. I woke up my husband and got him to have a look. The object was there for a good ten minutes.

"Then it moved and came back again. If I had it all to do again I would have got out my camera, but I didn't think at the time. I have never seen anything like it before. After a while we started to feel cold and went back to bed, but the object was still there."

BEXLEYHEATH OBSERVER, KENT, ENG
*****JULY 6, 1978*****

Flying saucer is cigar shaped

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REPORTS of a brilliantly white cigar shaped object which emitted flames as it flew slowly across Bexley have been received by Mrs M. Fry North Kent's unidentified flying object investigator for Contact UK, a world wide organisation which investigates UFOs.

She is now appealing to anyone who saw the object over Dartford Heath or along the A2 on April 7 between 5 pm and 9 pm, to contact her at 250. Long Lane, Bexleyheath, telephone 301 3458.

And she is also interested in hearing from anyone who may have witnessed two strange incidents in the sky at Bexleyheath on March 29 and at Eltham on May 29.

The April incident resulted in independent reports being received of the cigar-shaped object, with triangular front and back and round portholes in the centre, being seen over Dartford Heath.

Mrs Fry claims the cigar, about 400 to 500 feet long, was seen moving slowly towards and down the A2, during which period it emitted flames from the central top and bottom. It finally moved rapidly out of sight at the Black Prince.

Sightings over Eltham, Lee, and Mottingham of a black

metallic object, with myriads of small lights of all colours on its underside, have also been forwarded to her. The incident happened between mid-day and 1 pm on May 29.

The March sighting was actually witnessed by Mrs Fry herself. She said: "On the 29th at 1.05 pm precisely, a small monoplane with quite clearly seen red and blue lettering flew low over Christ Church, Bexleyheath Broadway and the Bexleyheath and Welling Observer Office.

"I was standing in Antony Jackson's car park watching it, when I noticed a white blob, about three to four feet, was playing tag with the plane.

"It looped, curved, circled over and under the cockpit, the pilot seemingly unaware of it!

"I immediately shouted to my husband who was getting out of the car, and to the other people in the car park at the time. They all looked up. My husband spotted it as it gave a final large loop and shot off towards Woolwich."

Mrs Fry claims she reported the matter to Biggin Hill Airport and although they said they would check and identify the plane and pilot, she has not heard from them.

STRANGE SIGHTING IN BACK GARDEN

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WHILE most Charlton people were sleeping peacefully at 1 a.m. last Saturday, visitors from another planet may have been taking a close look at the area.

That is the view of Mrs. Rosemary Caves, of Church Lane, who was standing on her back door-step waiting for her dog to come in.

"I saw what I thought was a bright star, then I realized that it was changing colour from white to green, then to red," Mrs. Caves told the Kentish Independent.

"Ten minutes later I realized that it was moving — not as fast as a 'plane but much faster than a star.

Frightened

"Suddenly there was a bright orange light from behind the house which backs on to our garden which then moved off sideways from north to south.

"It really frightened me. It was a sort of elongated circle shape, very low and in about 20 seconds it moved away behind the houses and trees first dimming then becoming light again.

"What frightened me even more was that the previous Saturday, at about the same time, my husband, Peter was watching the moon when he suddenly saw a bright light coming towards him from the sky. It moved very fast then shot off at an angle."

Mr. and Mrs. Caves have reported their experiences to the British U.F.O. Research Association.

And they think that Mrs Caves may well have had "a close encounter."

KENTISH INDEPENDENT, WOOLWICH, ENG.
*****JULY 6, 1978*****

Twinkle, twinkle U.F.O., what you are I do not know.

Jean Haynes could not believe her eyes.

She stood transfixed at the upstairs window of her Manor Waye, Uxbridge house, hypnotised by the mysterious object hovering in the night sky.

"My son Tony was painting the hallway so I opened the window to let the smell out. . . and there it was," said Mrs. Haynes, a cleaner in Uxbridge.

"A very bright orange object floated motionless over the rooftops opposite. It was long and narrow without any real shape.

"It faded away for a second and then reappeared in a saucer shape. At first I stood watching alone, but then I called Tony up to have a look."

Tony, a 25-year-old sales clerk at Wright

Machinery in Uxbridge was able to confirm this close encounter of the first kind.

"It was an amazing sight. It kept turning round until the last shape we saw was a crescent. I'm positive it wasn't the moon because that was clearly visible in another part of the sky. My mother watched it from 11.45 to 12.20 in the evening before it finally disappeared."

A spokesman at the Ministry of Defence told me he had not heard reports of an unidentified flying object in Uxbridge on Sunday evening.

"We receive so many of these calls we would have to employ a huge staff to investigate them all," he said.

"Most sightings have a plausible explanation if only each case could be examined."

Farmer has 'visitors from outer space'

An Ayrshire farmer believes he has had visitors from outer space.

Mr Willie McNair, of Merry-mouth, Dunlop, spoke yesterday of a strange chain of eerie events which happened as he and his 15-year-old son Billy were returning home to their farm late at night.

"A bright red light engulfed the car as we were driving down a narrow road leading to my farm," he said.

"I screamed to a halt as the light homed in on the car. We got out and the red light was coming from a point about 100 yards away in one of my fields.

"It was lighting up the whole field. I was determined to see what it was and we made our way across the field, but suddenly it went out leaving us standing in darkness.

"We went home to the farm about half a mile away, and we were out working in the byre when we both heard strange noises.

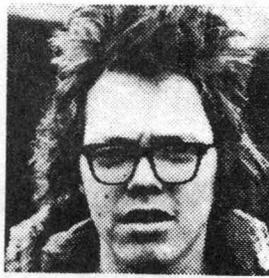
"The air was filled with high-pitched whirring noises and they were coming from the same direction where the light had been. We didn't think about unidentified flying objects then, but the noise got louder and louder, almost like an aircraft.

"I called my dogs but they wouldn't move. I thought that strange because they are farm dogs and very obedient.

"Billy and I set off to



Willie McNair



Billy McNair

investigate the noises, but suddenly the noises jumped to a direction of about a mile away and faded away into the night.

"Both my son and I didn't believe in UFOs before that night, but after that we're not so sure.

"There was definitely something large and mechanical in the field. It couldn't have been anything from this earth."

A police spokesman at Stewarton, Ayrshire, said: "We have had several reports of people who sighted the UFO light, which was apparently bright red and hovering about the Dunlop area.

"In fact, two of our own officers who were out on patrol saw it also, but they couldn't explain quite what it was. It was one of these inexplicable things.

Police Constable Bob Chalmers, who saw the UFO, said: "My partner, PC Campbell Brown, and myself were travelling towards Stewarton when we saw a red ball of light shoot across the sky. It was travelling very fast and very low.

"We tried to follow it, but we lost track of it as it shot into the distance towards Dunlop.

"It was something I've never seen in my life before. It was amazing."

Solicitor spots UFO over M8

Extra-terrestrial forces to time there were two or three. There was no sound. Neither Mr Mazur nor his wife could make out any shape and they were still puzzling over what the lights could be when they circled and shot off at high speed, still without any noise.

Mr Mazur said yesterday: "It was very eerie. My wife does not believe anything without evidence but she was taken aback."

Mrs Mazur said: "I just cannot explain it."

The description of mysterious red lights is strikingly similar to a report this week of a UFO seen by various people in Ayrshire.

The Ayrshire sightings were on April 18 and March 20. The Mazurs made their sighting on April 23 at 10 p.m. in dark and cloudy conditions.

Light circle UFO is back

By Roderic
 Eldridge

THE multi-coloured UFO which startled a Melksham couple at the weekend has been seen by a Bath lorry driver.

It was spotted zooming over Pucklechurch last night by Mr David Peters, 39.

He had just driven back from Bedford and noticed the object high in the sky as he got out of his cab. By the time his mate got out to have a look, the thing had moved out of sight.

Mr Peters, who lives at Shophouse Road, Twerton, said, "It looked like a ring of lights moving in an uneven circle. There were green and white lights flashing slowly on and off. It seemed to come from nowhere and went to nowhere. It was definitely a circle of lights."

Mr Peters says he often carries a small telescope with him and he sky-watches a lot to spot stars and satellites, but never has he seen anything quite like this. He is sure it was not a helicopter or a plane.

When he got home near midnight his wife laughed at him and said he must have been reading the Evening Chronicle. It was only then did he read the account of Mr and Mrs John Holcombe who saw something similar in the sky over Hilberton at the weekend.

★ Eerie figures in silver suits . . . a space ship 15m wide . . . a giant 'CIGAR' in the sky . . . these are some of the visitations that have horrified people living in the magic triangle. . .

CIGAR

that flies

★ POST adds another eerie episode to our UFO files.

★ ANOTHER strange encounter with an Unidentified Flying Object has been reported from the puzzling Welsh Triangle.

Excited investigators from the British UFO Research Association regard it as the most factual so far.

It was seen by two company directors as they drove in bright daylight from Carmarthen to Newcastle Emlyn — straight through the centre of the Triangle which is formed between Swansea, mid-Wales and Broadhaven.

One of the men, Elvet Dyer, described their experience: "A huge cigar-shaped machine at least 6 m long crossed our path 100 m ahead.

"It was flying so low it would have taken the top off a double decker bus. It made no sound and we thought it was going to crash.

"We braced ourselves for an explosion as it passed out of sight into a field, but when we looked into the field there was nothing there at all."

The two men, non-believers in UFO's, were badly shaken and unnerved.

Mr Randall Pugh, regional investigator for the UFO Association, said: "We know there is something very strange going on in this area.

"Many of the reports have been from intelligent, educated people who are not disposed to exaggerate or misconstrue what they have seen."

More than 50 positive sightings have been made in the Triangle in the past year. At first it was thought they were connected with the intense defence activity in the area.

Within a tight radius there are the Royal Aircraft Establishment Missile Range; RAF Brawdy, an operational station; the Army's

Pendine Ranges; a missile testing ground; supersonic low-flying air corridors; and an American submarine tracking station.

But spokesmen for the establishments are non-plussed by the flood of sightings. Very few can be explained away by defence operations.

Certainly, the sight that terrified Billy and Pauline Coombs in their lonely farm cottage has baffled

the experts.

It was one o'clock in the morning. They were sitting in the front room when Pauline suddenly turned to look at the window.

Blocking it was a towering, eerie figure wearing a silver suit. Too terrified to scream Pauline stared at the 2.1 m figure transfixed.

Sensing her fear, Billy turned in his seat and saw the monstrous outline. "Good God! What the hell's that?" he yelled.

Then they both saw that the helmet the thing wore framed a blank, dark space. There was no face.

The Coombs telephoned for help but by the time the police arrived whatever it was had disappeared.

Billy's boss, farmer Richard Hewison, drove over as soon as he got the Coombs' call.

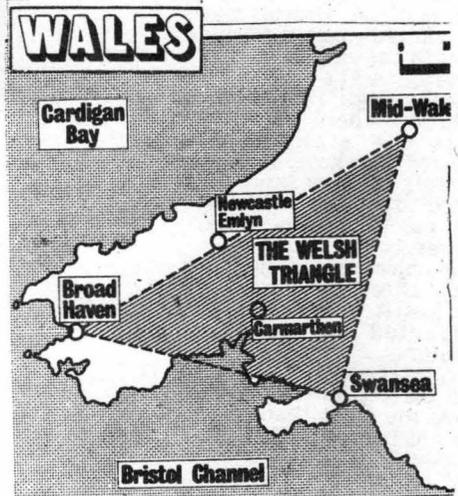
"They were genuinely terrified," he said. "They were frightened out of their wits."

Afterwards Pauline remembered the strange behaviour of their dog: "He usually barks at the slightest noise but he walked round and round very agitated without a whimper. "Later he would not go out of the house."

The Coombs' visitation seemed to herald the arrival of the space sorties over the Triangle. Alien craft seems the only explanation to the worried people living in that wild stretch of Wales.

● Richard Hewison's wife Josephine, an agricultural graduate, looked out of her bedroom window and saw a 15 m wide silver-colored craft standing beside her greenhouse.

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"It was as high as a double decker bus. There were no visible windows or openings," she reported. "It stood there for about 10 minutes then took off. It left no mark. No even a broken twig."

● Teenager Stephen Taylor, of Haverfordwest, may have come the closest to an encounter of the third kind — a figure similar to the one that terrified the Coombs suddenly appeared by his side.

He was walking home one evening when he saw a black shape in front. "It looked about 12 or 15 m across. I noticed a dim glow around what seemed to be the underside," he later told experts.

"Suddenly this figure popped up, right next to me. I was terrified. It was dressed in silver. It seemed to have high cheekbones.

"Its eyes were like fish eyes — completely round. I took a swing

at it and ran. I don't know whether I hit it. I ran the 4.5 km home."

Dozens more reports of unexplained sightings have flooded into the UFO Research Association. Randall Pugh has noticed one common link in the sightings.

"People who encounter these phenomena suffer severe headaches, trembling and sleeplessness," he says.

UFO fanatic has dream sighting

UFO fanatic Brian Jobson had a dream come true last week when he spotted an object speeding through the sky. And a friend was there to see it! Brian Jobson, a maintenance fitter at Dowty Seals Ltd., Milford Haven, was travelling back from Tenby last Thursday night with his friend Ken Harries when they spotted a bright flashing object in the sky.

They were at the Honeyborough roundabout, Neyland, when they first made the sighting. It appeared to be hovering above the Gulf refinery, and then started to pulsate and rocket in a curve towards Haverfordwest.

The object was in sight for about three minutes, and they lost it when vision was obstructed by bushes at Steynton.

Mr. Harries, of Richard John Street, Milford Haven, makes the point that he still does not believe in UFOs.

"I have got no idea what it was," he told the *Telegraph*. "But believe me it was very unusual. Of course, for Brian, it was a jackpot. He's crazy on UFOs."

At first Ken thought it may be a beacon from the top of a chimney stack. But it moved. Then he thought it may have been an air balloon that was reported to have broken loose, but it moved too fast.

The sighting was made within the Broad Haven Triangle, which, over the years, has had many reported UFOs, and inspired tremendous interest throughout the area.

Now Brian Jobson is going to meet ufologist Randall Pugh to discuss the sighting. He told the *Telegraph*: "I have never been a 100% believer in this sort of thing, but after this I suppose I must be. I have no idea at all what it was, all I know is that we both saw it."

UFO Riddle

TWO schoolchildren claim they sighted an "unidentified flying object" on Streatham Common last Sunday.

And a leading UFO expert has backed up their story.

Andrew Payne, aged 12, of Copley Park Road, Streatham was playing football on the common with his brother when the "close encounter" happened.

CREWE CHRONICLE, CHESHIRE, ENG.
*****MAY 18, 1978*****

Mystery 'balls' in the sky

SCIENTISTS are puzzled about the content of an extraordinary film shot by a Crewe businessman during a holiday near Stonehenge.

Part of it has been sent to the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration centre at Houston, Texas, for examination by U.F.O. experts.

Shown recently on Granada television, the film features hovering spherical objects described as "balls of fire".

Mr. John Flattley, of Church Lane, Wistaston, his family and a party of friends made 18 sightings over a three-day period.

Only after Kodak, the photographic company, had vouched for the authenticity of the content - "it is optically correct and no fake," said their report - did Mr. Flattley give permission for its screening on television by Granada.

Mr. Flattley said: "At first we thought they were reflections of car headlights, but soon realised the shapes were not consistent.

"Then it was suggested they were flares - being so close to Army ranges - but they were not lighting the ground up underneath nor dropping.

"One person suggested they might be balls of lightning but, as one of the objects hovered in our sight for about 50 minutes, a scientist has ruled this out."

Scientific investigation is continuing.

"I don't think they came from another world", said Mr. Flattley.

STREATHAM NEWS, LONDON, ENG.
*****MAY 19, 1978*****

When they went to collect their ball from the woods on the common they saw a "strange oblong-shape ball of fire."

They claimed it appeared to be moving in a controlled way and was only five feet above their heads.

Their father Mr William Payne said: "My son is quite an intelligent lad and I do not think he made the story up. When he came into the house he was terribly excited and I definitely believe he saw a UFO."

Mr Payne was so sure in fact that he contacted the British UFO Association in North London.

Said chairman of the association Mr Ken Rodgers: "I was a bit wary of the story at first but they have obviously had an experience of a UFO.

"They have seen something they can't explain and we want to see them do drawings of the UFO and send them to us.

GLOUCESTER ECHO, CHELTENHAM, ENG.
*****MAY 10, 1978*****

Roger's close encounter with a U.F.O.

AMATEUR astronomer Roger Bailey claims he had a "close encounter" with an unidentified flying object, seen in the Cheltenham sky last night.

Mr. Bailey, of Arle-gardens, Cheltenham, was observing stars through a pair of binoculars at about 11 o'clock.

He claims he saw a white object moving rapidly about the sky on a zig-zag course. It faded and then came back very brightly.

Mr. Bailey says it was not an aircraft as it was moving too fast and there was no noise.

He also discounts the theory that it might be a natural phenomenon. He has never seen a star or satellite behave in that fashion.

If anybody saw the object, Mr. Bailey would like them to get in touch with him on Cheltenham 30296.

STANLEY NEWS, DURHAM, ENG.
*****MAY 30, 1978*****

UFO at Consett?

THERE is still no official explanation for the bright lights that appeared over the Consett area on Saturday night, thought to be an unidentified flying object. Witness reports are all similar as are the times the UFO was sighted.

Reports came from two playmates, 10-year-old David Green of Valley View, Bridgehill and John Nattrass, aged nine years of North View, Blackhill.

The light was too big for a helicopter and it seemed to disappear over the house tops. We tried to trace it but could see nothing," said David.

The boys then saw an even bigger light which came right over them but again this disappeared without trace. The time was 7.20 p.m., similar to that given by other witnesses from Bridgehill, Whittonstall and Delves Lane.

Newcastle Met office were unable to throw any light on the matter except to say people could have seen reflections of the setting sun on the clouds.

No military aircraft were reported in the vicinity at the time.

EASTERN EVENING NEWS - ENGLAND
*****MAY 15, 1978*****

A DOME-SHAPED mystery object sighted over marshes near the River Waveney had two Lowestoft schoolgirls believing last night that they had seen visitors from outer space. 3128

The object was seen by 14-year-old Tracey Segasby and her friend Michaela Field, aged 13, when they were putting away horses after riding at Camps Heath, near Lowestoft on Saturday evening.

The girls saw the object hovering near to the ground among some trees about a

Lowestoft girls tell of UFO sighting

quarter of a mile away from them.

Back home at 63, Northgate, Tracey wrote a description of what they had seen.

"We glanced across the marshes and spotted the dome-shaped object. It had a silvery appearance with bright orange lights around it. We stared at it and after about 10 seconds the orange lights changed to a

pinky/red and then to a dazzling white.

"It then began to slowly rise above the ground, hovering for about five seconds and it then landed again. When it did so the lights turned to bright orange again," she wrote.

"Then they began to fade away. It was then that we noticed four figures coming towards us. There were two

large creatures standing side by side. On either side were two small ones. They did not walk towards us. They moved in a jerky manner, at least five feet every time.

"The creatures then disappeared and the UFO gradually started to rise into the air and fade away. Then, after about 10 seconds it had completely disappeared."

Michaela, who lives next door at 61, Northgate, agreed with her friend's description. "I said, 'there's a flying saucer' but at first Tracey thought it was a building," she said.

"It was pretty scary, actually," said Tracey, who said that horses nearby were going 'really mad,' rearing up, and that dogs were howling and barking and cats started running about.

The girls visited the scene again in daylight yesterday but could find nothing to account for the mystery object. It was only then that they decided, after talking with their parents, that the incident should be reported in case there had been other sightings.

Close encounter of the first kind

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It was ten minutes to one on a warm spring morning when Mrs. Muriel Canney prepared for bed. As always she switched off the television, checked the back door and glimpsed outside to see that all was quiet.

It was then that she saw it... a luminous object, shaped like a football hovering over the end of West Lane.

At first she thought it was the moon but taking a closer look she realised it was moving in the wrong direction. The object continued to move - this time in a semi-circle and then returned, hovering at the end of the lane.

Mrs. Canney was mystified. Opening her back door she decided to venture out and take a closer look. What she saw led her to believe that the luminous object was in fact a UFO.

And she told us: "There wasn't a breath of wind, it was a clear sky and deathly quiet. The object was hovering for about ten minutes and then it shot away towards the sea, became just a pin point of light and then disappeared. It definitely wasn't a plane or a star".

What convinced Mrs. Canney further was a UFO film on television a couple of weeks after her sighting. The objects shown in the documentary were identical to the one she saw that morning.

"I've travelled round the world and seen many unusual

sights but nothing like this before," said a mystified Mrs. Canney of Stanley Road. Now she wants to know if any residents of either Massams Lane or West Lane - or in fact anyone else in the town - saw

the object.

If you think you did but didn't like to report it for fear being laughed at follow Mrs. Canney's example and either write to or phone the Formby Times.

FORMBY TIMES, ENGLAND
*****MAY 10, 1978*****

GLASGOW HERALD - ENGLAND
*****MAY 8, 1978*****

Mundane or inexplicable



Sir,—With reference to the report of the sighting of a UFO in Merrymouth, Dunlop, by a farmer which was corroborated by two police officers, the British UFO Society is responsible for investigating all UFO sightings in this country.

While many have mundane explanations, there remains a high percentage that are classified "inexplicable."

We would be very interested to hear from any readers who may have had sightings or are interested in UFOs.

Ken Rogers,
Chairman,
British UFO Society,
47 Belsize Square,
London, N.W.3.

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Sir,—The UFO sighting near Dunlop was probably ball lightning. This is

described in the Encyclopaedia Britannica as a luminous ball, often blood red in colour, with an average diameter of 20cms.

When it emerges from a cloud travelling towards the earth its velocity may be as high as 100 metres a second, while near the earth its velocity is much slower, being one or two metres a second. Usually the ball explodes after an average life of three to five seconds.

I seem to remember reports of a much longer duration, and it hovering for a time.

It fits the description given by Murray Ritchie of the UFO, which was silent, round, orange/red, about the size of a football, perhaps a bit bigger and very bright.

John Neill,
Mary Street,
Dunoon.

Two UFO sightings reported

MYSTERIOUS lights in the sky have puzzled two independent observers, who think they may have spotted unidentified flying objects.

Young Roderick Buchanan of 32 Kelly Street, Greenock, was returning home on Saturday from a fishing expedition with his mother and aunt. They were between Loch Thom and Whinhill golf course when 14-year-old Roderick noticed "something strange" in the sky and pointed it out to his mother.

"We stopped in amazement to watch the phenomenon," he said.

"It was pinkish orange and something like 200 ft in diameter. It made no noise, but was spinning all the time.

"We watched for about two minutes then it began to descend ever so slowly. It was an incredible thing. At first I thought it must be a reflection of the sun, but then I realised that was impossible as, although still light, it was about 10 o'clock at night.

ABOVE GREENOCK

On the same night holidaymaker Mr Norval Paul and his two children, Meryl (13) and Alison (11), were motoring past Langbank when they saw mysterious light appear in the sky above the Greenock area.

"They appeared to be 400 to 500ft above the skyline and they lit up one by one until there were between six and nine of them. They were very bright, flame coloured, and they remained motionless," he said.

"We watched them for three minutes before our view of the skyline became obscured and we did not see them again. I am VERY puzzled, for I have never seen anything like this before — nor had I been at the bottle.

SOUTH WALES EVENING POST
*****MAY 3, 1978*****

Couple in close encounter with UFO

THE local Life Manager of a large assurance company had a close encounter with what he believed to be a UFO while driving through Swansca late last night.

The object, described by Mr. David Cox as "like three of the five hoops in the Olympic sign" appeared as he and his wife drove along Powys Avenue, Townhill, at about 9.50 p.m.

"We saw a light travelling quickly from my right towards Penlan from town," said Mr. Cox, the Manager of Sun Alliance.

"It was fairly high up and moving at a fairly high speed."

At first Mr. Cox thought he had also seen a red light on the craft and believed it to be a plane—or it might have been a helicopter when it stopped in the sky above Graiglywd Square, and hovered.

"It went slowly up and down and backwards and forwards," he said. "It appeared to be like three of the five balls of the Olympic sign, and gradually it hovered and dropped and disappeared behind a house."

Closer to home, in Warwick Road, Derwen Fawr, Mr. Cox saw the object, which was a dull white light, hovering over Clyne Valley, Killay, and Duvant.

At about 10.15 p.m. the light "just went out" and the object disappeared.

"I always thought that there must be something 'there', after hearing of all the sightings in the area. My wife, who was always sceptical of UFOs, is now convinced of their existence," he said.

Air traffic control at Fairwood Airport said today that there were no aircraft in the area at the time last night, and area at that time last night, and Mumbles coastguards and South there had been no other sightings.

HARD-HEADED Ayrshire folk are not normally given to seeing flying saucers but they might just have had a close encounter of the first kind.

The British Unidentified Flying Objects Society has added the Ayrshire sighting to its list of about 300 previous incidents reported already this year.

About 80% of sightings can be explained away — aircraft, the sun, moon, reflections, shooting stars — but the Ayrshire UFO is causing considerable excitement.

Various people in the Dunlop / Ayrshire district saw the mysterious object. By common consent it was silent, round, orange/red, about the size of a football, perhaps a bit bigger, and very bright.

That description is good enough, says Ken Rogers, chairman of the society's 700 Ufowatchers, to make it typical, but what makes this sighting important is the quality of the Ufospotter's.

For a start, it was seen by two discerning policemen as it travelled, in a westerly direction, over Stewarston. (The police, according to a US survey, are the most frequent Ufereporters.)

P.C. Bob Chalmers and his colleague gave chase in a Panda car but lost it. Chalmers says he was puzzled but not worried.

"It was curious — too bright for a helicopter, too low for an aircraft. I thought it might be a flare, but flares don't travel so fast or so straight," he says.

P.C. Chalmers forgot about it. Thinking back, he puts the date at Tuesday, April 18.

If that is correct, says Ken Rogers, then that would tie in well with a classic Ufo flap which is the name he gives to a series of similar sightings made around the same time up and down the country.

On the previous night there had been many sightings in England.

But others who saw it differ about the date. Farmer Willie McNair and his son, Billy, think it was the night of March 20. But their description is the

same — except that they saw it stationary in a field. Then it vanished.

"I thought it was someone with a torch then I realised no one could have a torch that size," Willie McNair says.

About half an hour later, after they had returned to their farm, there was another odd happening.

From a spot they judged to be 500 yards from where the light had been seen, they heard a screeching noise. "It was blood-curdling. Like a wounded seagull — except we don't have seagulls around here," McNair says.

A neighbouring farmer, however, also saw the red light the McNairs had noticed. Mrs Margaret Mitchell, of Haplandmuir Farm, Dunlop, thinks Mr McNair's date is probably correct.

The Mitchells noticed the light shining through a glass door. It was still and silent in or just above a field between their farm at Mr McNair's.

At first they thought it was a tractor's rear light but ruled that out because of its size.

"It sent a shiver up my spine. I have never seen anything like it. I can't possibly say what it was but I told the children the wee green men would be arriving any minute," Mrs Mitchell said.

Ken Rogers does not rule out the possibility that Ufonauts decided to check out Dunlop.

"We can rule out a sighting caused by drunkenness or hallucinations in this case. And we can rule out meteorites. Also we can rule out Venus.

"Don't laugh, people often report Venus as a UFO. We can rule out aircraft or helicopters. This report is just another which tallies with a great many which have been made around the world for 20 years. It brings you to the ultimate question: what is a UFO? From there on you are into theorising.

"It could have been a visitor from outer space. Maybe time travellers, psychic phenomena or forces we know nothing of."