

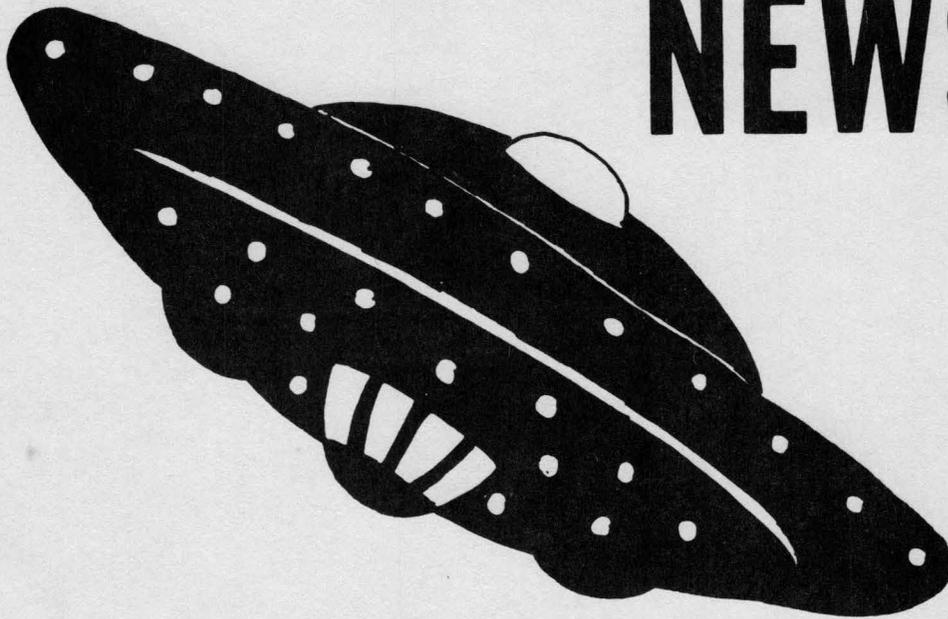
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Flying puzzle in our skies

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JUST WHAT was flitting about in our skies last week? The mystery first reported last week by Mr and Mrs Edward Towers of Borwick, has deepened — with two more sightings of strange objects flying over North Lancashire.

Mr and Mrs Towers spotted something with red, blue and white lights while driving on the M6 at Forton.

The two other sightings took place at a similar time — and are equally puzzling.

Mrs Susan Adderley, 32, of Bridge Road, Lancaster, was travelling to Garstang on the A6 last Tuesday. "I was just at Hampson Green when I noticed something falling through the sky to my left.

"It was a white light and it fell very fast before levelling out and travelling quite low and slow. I just thought it was a strange manoeuvre," commented Mrs Adderley.

She saw it for a few seconds but could not esti-

Two more local sightings of 'strange objects'

mate how far away it was. "I just couldn't say what it was."

The second sighting was by two work colleagues travelling home to Overton by car from Asda, White Lund.

Mrs Doris Davis said she was with Mrs Sue Barker when "we saw something

Overton. Later it passed them again, travelling in front of them.

After Mrs Davis returned home, she watched the slowly-moving object for a further 20 minutes.

Neither of the women knew what it was nor have seen anything like it before.

"It was something which attracted our attention. It was just so funny and peculiar," added Mrs Davis.

One possible cause of bright lights in the sky is the arrival of meteors, such as the current Geminid Shower.

"At any time of year there is always the chance of a meteor coming in through the atmosphere. A fair majority of unidentified sightings are just meteors," commented the chairman of Lancaster and Morecambe Astronomical Society, Mr Denis Buczynski.

Meteors are usually white but can have a red head and a yellow tail, said Mr Buczynski — but they do not make any deviations in their flight.

Another frequent object of sightings was artificial satellites high above the earth, he added.



This, of course, is how cinemagoers will see "ET" arriving — but just what was flying around over North Lancashire last week is a deepening mystery! — L30

By
DAVID JACKSON

in the sky — something I can't really describe.

"It was made of bright red, white and blue-green lights. We made a joke about a beam coming down from it!" said Mrs Davis.

At first the object was stationary in the sky, then it seemed to travel back past the two women, who both live in Chapel View,

THE LIGHT
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
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UFO report puzzling

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb. — Reports of a hovering purplish-pink object and a brilliant flash of light have left authorities and residents with a lot of questions but no answers. A couple said they saw the object late Saturday hovering near a neighbor's home near the southeastern Nebraska city. The woman said the round, glowing, purplish-pink object seemed to hang in the sky. She said her husband went inside when spooked horses ran toward the house. She said there were two objects. Their neighbor said she saw the object as it flew over a highway. Law enforcement officers in Johnson, Nemaha and Cass counties saw a flash of light but no objects. A spokesman said the Otoe County Sheriff's Office investigated UFO reports several years ago when a helicopter was used to rustle cattle. ■

WHITBY GAZETTE
NORTH YORKSHIRE
DEC. 17 1982 LON.

UFO sighting ³¹²⁸

Another baffling object has been seen in the sky over Whitby. Mr John Young, of Grove Street, reported seeing a "flying saucer type" shape with flashing white lights shortly before 5 pm last Thursday.

Whitby police had only Mr Young's report of the incident, and RAF Fylingdales had no record of anything unusual.

Is there a cover-up?

SCORES of UFO sightings in the "Kentish Times" area have been recorded by UFO investigator for Kent and SE London, Mrs Margaret Fry.

Mrs Fry, of "Contact (UK)" — the British branch of "Contact International" — which exists in 35 major countries — lent us this evidence.

She lives in Long Lane, Bexleyheath, and has seen at least 35 UFOs herself. She rejects as nonsense talk of them being psychic phenomena.

She adds: "I just happened to be in the right place at the right time—and I'm very observant of the sky."

Nearly all these sightings took place with other witnesses present. Many occurred in 1978, a year of great activity in this field.

Since Biblical times, thousands of people, worldwide, have reported UFO sightings; millions have been recorded since monitoring started in the '40s.

Mrs Fry says: "Naturally the Government clamp down when sightings infringe upon national security," i.e. interstellar spacecraft monitoring secret earth installations.

"In such cases," she says, "We drop the case."

Second reason for a Government cover-up, says Mrs Fry, is the threat to vehicle industries, some of which "could become obsolete overnight

through the discovery of new forms of propulsion."

But founder-member of the Lords Study Group on UFOs, the Earl of Clancarty, alleges a general Government cover-up on UFOs.

Mrs Fry comments: "Trouble is that many people do not know UFO organisations exist, so they don't report their sightings or tell anyone outside their own circle, for fear of ridicule."

People are welcome to contact her at home (phone 01-303 3431) if only for sympathy and advice.

There are three major national UFO organisations in England, and a local UFO organisation in every county. All these addresses are obtainable at local reference libraries.

Close encounters

A YOUNG woman fainted in terror when three "beings" emerged from a spaceship and walked towards her on Plumstead Common.

She was taking her children and a dog for a walk on the common on July 17, 1978, when "a brilliant ball of light" shot out of the sky and approached her... and the beings got out.

When she fainted, an ambulance was called. Afterwards the young woman suffered from blindness and skin-inflammation for weeks, and still needs dark glasses.

While Mrs E. M. Clark was gardening at her home in Parkside Avenue, Barnehurst, on July 26, 1978, she saw what appeared to be a helicopter so close that she ducked and fell over.

She distinctly saw two men, one of whom looked down at her.

In another sighting, an anonymous Eltham man told of a colleague who, while

driving on the A20 near Farningham on July 16, 1978, saw a cigar-shaped UFO swoop quickly down on a derelict car by the roadside, lift it into the air, suck it into an opening on its underside, and zoom off.

It beamed down "an invisible but very strong force" which stopped the man's car and made him feel paralysed.

Thirty people by Bexley Hospital gates — including Mrs E. Polston of Bexleyheath — on April 7, 1978 saw "a brilliant, cigar-shaped object 35 feet long, with portholes, emitting orange flames."

It followed Mrs Polston's car, keeping pace, and she was "scared stiff for weeks, feeling it was a cargo vessel for taking things away."

Six people in a railway carriage on a late-night London — Dartford train in November, 1979, saw "a large star" coming down rapidly by the railway lines.

Next, it appeared as "small craft with blazing lights," descending to Crayford Greyhound Stadium.

Alighting from the train, one witness ran across the

car park and saw a craft "with a turreted top and revolving lights" apparently touch-down on the ground, and then take off.

Since then, the man has been too afraid to use that station.

Mr and Mrs Fry and hundreds of strawberry-pickers near Eglantine Farm, Sutton-at-Hone, on August 13, 1978 saw a 350 foot airship "silently and majestically" pass in front of their car.

Then Mrs Fry saw what resembled "a huge TV aerial attached to a huge pear-shaped balloon."

Later she saw "a fleet of stationary airships as far as the eye could see," and contacted a BBC outside broadcast official who was "most unco-operative and evasive."

She says: "I was perplexed, wondering if the BBC was hand-in-glove with the Defence Ministry in some sinister plot."

"How can hundreds of people watch a fleet of UFOs, and no official body do anything about it?" she asks.

TERROR DRIVE

TWO sisters shook with terror throughout a nightmare car drive as a UFO pursued them from Dartford to Barnehurst.

The half-moon shaped UFO, "the size of a car," descended to just above the road and flew alongside them.

It happened about 1 am on June 26, 1978, when Mrs Pauline Robinson, of Trevithic Drive, Dartford, was taking her sister Brenda home.

When the sisters arrived at their parents' Barnehurst home, the object was waiting for them, and continued to pursue them when they drove back to Dartford. Mrs Robinson was so scared she could hardly drive.

On arriving at Mrs Robinson's home, the women pounded on the front door until her husband let them in, but he refused to look outside, even though they were hysterical.

Both sisters went to bed, but saw the object lurking over the garden, beaming light down into the room. Pulling their bedclothes over their heads, they finally fell asleep, exhausted with fright.

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UFOs:
IS THERE A COVER UP?
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Some of the extraordinary UFOs sighted in the "Kentish Times" area, and reported to the local investigator.

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LIGHT
RETURNS**

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**Glowing
UFO seen**

The fascination of UFO study must go on now with the sightings in our area of the lightless pear shaped UFO glimpsed on several occasions.

Myself suddenly saw a huge pear shaped brilliantly lit yellowish glow in the north western sky, duration of approximately six seconds, absolutely brilliant, stationary, also without noise — Mr James Price, 71 Station Road, Barton-under-Needwood.

MORE little green men could have their extra-terrestrial eyes on Hartlepool.

Because after reports of strange lights in the night sky above the town earlier this week, a new "U.F.O. sighting" has been made.

Hospital porter Stan Coburn is the man at the middle of the latest space-ship sighting.

He told the Mail today: "I was out walking my dog in Kilmarnock Road at about 6 p.m. yesterday when I saw a lighted object travelling towards the sea.

"I had just seen an aeroplane that appeared to be flying towards Teesside Airport. Then, as I reached Owton Manor Lane, I saw another lighted object following in the same direction as the plane.

"It was really unusual — it looked like the bottom of a helicopter but it was long and looked like a partitioned window. It was a constant — not flashing — yellow light and behind it there seemed to be some sort of green light. It looked very eerie," said Mr Coburn (53), of Owton Manor Lane.

The latest mystery lights follow reports earlier this week of strange orange glows in the sky over Owton Manor.

DRIVER REPORTS SEEING A UFO

A MARGATE man spotted "a ball of bright white light" in the sky while he was driving home early on Tuesday.

He first noticed the light at Detling Hill on his way back from Maidstone and could still see it at St. Nicholas.

Mr. Nigel Davies, of Railway Terrace, said it looked like a torch-light. He reported the sighting to Margate police, who treated it as an unidentified flying object.

R.A.F. Manston staff suggested Mr. Davies might have seen a light aircraft.

They said a plane was circling while waiting to land at Manston after being diverted from Southend.

More strange night-sightings

Following last week's report of an unusual sighting by a motorist on the Fenny Bentley to Tissington road on Saturday, November 27, the Nottingham Unidentified Flying Object Investigation Society has had two further reports of incidents that same weekend.

At about 5.20 pm (20 minutes later than the original report) a local man was driving on the road from Ashbourne to Kniveton. He saw something in the sky towards Brassington and stopped his vehicle and got out. What he saw, he thought to be oval in shape at a height of about 600-800 ft, five or six miles away. In his vision it appeared about two ft. six in. across the sky and he estimated it was between 40 and 50 feet wide.

Where this witness stopped his car another man was already viewing the object and the two men wondered what to make of the craft.

The two men did not exchange names and the man

who has already contacted Derbyshire Nufois man Mr Peter Ann at Quarndon, said he never thought to take a note of the car number or get his name.

Mr Ann however would be pleased to hear from the driver of the red saloon car if he would care to telephone him on Derby 559293.

Another report to Mr Ann refers to a sighting on Sunday, November 28 between 5.30 pm and 5.45 pm on the Ashbourne to Sudbury Road. Again a male witness stopped his car after seeing something in the sky. He thought at first it was an aeroplane, but it was almost stationary and in size was about as big as a minibus when viewed from about 200 yards away. It was rectangular in shape and was two or three times higher than Nestles chimney. It had two illuminated windows and one smaller light.

In both cases the sightings were for a few minutes.

Mysterious ³¹²⁸ happenings in night skies

The blue flashes in the sky are still about, seen on Tuesday, December 7 by Mr Syd Henley an investigating officer of the Nottingham Unidentified Flying Object Investigation Society. He was just parking his car in the drive of his home at about 8 pm when he spotted a ribbon flash in the north east.

No reports have come in from other investigation groups in the country but it has been suggested by one group that the flash could have resulted from the momentary touching of overhead power lines. The touching could have been so brief so as not to cause a fuse and consequent break down in power, and would only have been spotted at the power station if the man on duty was looking at the meter at that precise moment.

Other suggestions have been that the flash is of some military source or that it could

be a satellite in space in laser beam communication with the earth, or satellites in space communicating.

Another line of thought is that the blue flash is not in the immediate locality, but hundreds of miles away, as indicated by its lowness to the horizon.

NUFOIS have just released details of a sighting of interest to the Ashbourne area and would appreciate hearing from anyone who may have seen anything which ties in.

It was at about 5 pm on Saturday, November 27 that a male motorist was driving on the A515 road between Fenny Bentley and Tissington. His attention was drawn to an apparently stationary object in the sky seven to eight hundred yards away to the south of him and at a height of between 400 and 600 feet.

His impression of shape was square, with the point forward and the colour he put as grey, although it was difficult to judge in the dark. It's lights included two bright headlights.

The motorist stopped and got out of his car to have a better look and says he could see no wings on the craft.

It did however remind him of a delta wing jet, but definitely more square than triangular.

As he watched the craft come over his head virtually and appeared very slow moving at a speed he estimated at about 20 miles an hour. Certainly a speed at which no conventional aircraft could remain airborne. The craft was making an aircraft jet noise, but lower in volume considering its position.

The craft was in his vision for about three minutes and eventually it moved off in the direction that a conventional aeroplane would take when making for Manchester Airport, but much slower and abnormally low.

Any information please to Mr Peter Ann, 46 The Common, Quarndon, telephone Derby 559293.

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'seen landing in Sidcup'

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects have been sighted over Sidcup, according to eye-witness accounts, and some of the UFOs are claimed to have landed.

In the most remarkable sighting, a mother and her three children saw an oval-shaped object with bright lights hovering above Marlborough Park, Blackfen.

The news of UFO sightings in the area follows a feature in last week's "Kentish Times," in which UFO

investigator for Kent and South-East London, Mrs Margaret Fry, urged people who have had "close encounters" to come forward.

"Since then the response has been tremendous," said Mrs Fry, of Contact (UK).

She has been swamped with accounts from people who have seen or come into contact with UFOs in the last two years. "Some of the sightings in this area have occurred in the last two or three weeks," said Mrs Fry.

"There were three boys out walking, aged roughly between 11 and 14. They were in Halfway

Street, when they saw an oval shaped object with blue and red lights hovering over Marlborough Park."

She went on: "They ran back and called their mother, and she came out and saw the object as well. They watched it come down very low and it may have landed."

Mrs Fry said that only three weeks ago she saw a similar object while she was walking along Ettham High Street with a friend. It had the same blue and red lights, and came very low as it passed above the High Street.

This sort of sighting, where there

is more than one witness, is the most convincing, but Mrs Fry wishes more people would come to her when they see UFOs.

As is common in such cases, the mother involved wishes them all to remain anonymous for fear of ridicule.

"All reports we receive are logged with the police and the said Mrs Fry, "and we work with the Lords Study Group on UFOs." Mrs Fry can be contacted by phone on 01-303 3431, by anyone who wishes to report a suspected sighting or find out more about Contact (UK).

LANCASHIRE, EVENING POST PRESTON DEC. 11 1982 ... and a visit from space?

A REAL-LIFE UFO mystery upstaged the landing of ET in north Lancashire.

Several police officers were among an unknown number of people who witnessed three objects blaze a trail across the night sky.

The three diamond shaped craft were spotted moving slowly across Morecambe Bay, Lancaster, Heysham and Carnforth.

The first official sighting was by a transport police constable at 7 30 pm.

Then the objects were spotted elsewhere and reports began to flood in.

The UFOs were travelling north across Morecambe Bay at around 1,500 ft. They were said to be moving at a much slower speed than a plane or helicopter.

An initial theory that they may have been powered hand-gliders has not been established.

Witnesses said the craft gave off a slight humming noise.

COUDERSPORT, PA. POTTER ENTERPRISE DEC 15 1982 UFO Sightings Are Reported

Unidentified flying object sightings in the Coudersport and Genesee areas were investigated last week by the Pennsylvania UFO Center.

According to Joan Jeffers, the center's field investigator at Bradford, she received a telephone call from Coudersport-based state police after at least two sightings last Wednesday evening.

A group in Coudersport, including a local businessman, reported seeing a bright object crossing the sky from the east at a slow rate of speed, doing a U-turn around the borough and departing in a southeast direction.

"The object was described as looking somewhat like a stingray," Mrs. Jeffers said. "The group reported white lights in the front and red lights in the middle and on the sides."

She said state police were also contacted by a woman from Genesee who also reported seeing a strange object in the sky a couple hours later that same night.

In addition, Mrs. Jeffers said, she received a report of an object with red and white lights sighted between Coudersport and Port Allegany the previous Friday night.

IDAHO FALLS ID
POST-REGISTER
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Exploding object puzzles some Marysville residents

By CATHY KOON
Post-Register

Upper Valley staff writer

MARYSVILLE — Five pieces of "rock" are the only remaining physical evidence of the unidentified object that exploded over the Snake River north of this rural community 2 1/2 months ago.

Nobody seems to know exactly what passed over the area the night of Aug. 15, but the rocks recovered from the river by two teenage boys the next morning seem to prove that something did.

Mrs. Derrald Baler of Marysville was one of the people who saw the object fly by overhead.

Flashing lights

"It was pretty high and must have been pretty large," Mrs. Baler said. It had blue and green flashing lights "so bright I closed my eyes," she said while trying to describe what she saw.

Mrs. Baler and her husband had just gone to bed when they saw the thing go over. Baler jumped out of bed and ran to the front door. By the time he got outside, he caught only a glimpse of it to the northeast before it went out of sight, Mrs. Baler said. That was between 10:30 and 11 p.m.

Their son Dale, 14, said he was awakened by his father running through the house, but the youngster didn't see the object.

Down the street, Dale Baler's best friend, Paul Lenz, 15, saw the light and thought it was lightning.

However, the sky was perfectly clear that night, Mrs. Baler and Lenz agreed. That's what made the next happening equally odd. Mrs. Baler reported hearing "a boom, like thunder in the distance." Unlike thunder, there was only one "boom."

Investigate

When the two boys got together the next morning and compared notes, they decided to go down to the river to investigate. They talked to a group of campers who were sleeping out near the river and saw the object.

Baler said they saw the object "flashing all different colors." The campers were about 300 feet away when "it blew up in front of them," he said.

The object was traveling from the south at a high rate of speed. Mrs. Baler said she talked to one person from Ashton, just two miles to the west, who also reported seeing it.

Baler and Lenz started looking along the river bank for some evidence of the explosion. They had about given up and were getting ready to go for a swim when Baler said he spotted the largest piece of the strange rock "rolling around" on the rocky river bottom in about 2 1/2 feet of water.

"It was a million to one chance we found it," Lenz said.

Baler said the rock felt "kind of gooshy, like wet ashes" when he pulled it out of the water.

"It was real soft, almost like charcoal — the kind they draw with," Lenz recalled.

The ash-like outer crust surrounds a green and yellow glassy central core.

Volcanic rock

Now, nearly three months later, the outer shell has dried and resembles gray volcanic rock. It rubs off much like encrusted sand. The largest piece now weighs two pounds and is 10 inches long.

The two teenagers waded about 10 feet downstream and found the four smaller pieces of rock. They took the rocks home and showed them to their parents.

Mrs. Baler and some of her other sons took the rocks to the Ricks College science department and talked to "a young looking man" about the rocks. Mrs. Baler couldn't remember the man's name, but she said he told her it would have taken "something extremely hot" to have formed the rocks.

The pieces "could possibly be part of a meteor," he said, but explained that meteors are usually extremely heavy and consist of metal. A meteor striking the earth would form a crater, he told Mrs. Baler.

He took a piece of one of the rocks to have it analyzed, Mrs. Baler said.

No one has rock

Robert Hoggan, head of the geology department at Ricks College, was surprised this week when he was contacted about the material. Checking with other members of the department, no one remembered talking to Mrs. Baler, and no one had a piece of the rock. Hoggan said he and his department would be very interested in taking a look at the rocks. Since Mrs. Baler visited the school before the start of the semester, she might have talked to anyone on the science department, he said.

Mrs. Baler took the rocks back home in a brown grocery bag.

No more luck

Three or four days later, the two boys went back to the river to look for more of the strange-looking rock. Baler said he and his brothers looked three miles downstream at a favorite swimming hole but without luck.

Lenz is totally convinced "lightning couldn't have formed a pile of junk like that. Not in the river."

For the past 11 weeks, the rocks have been sitting in the same paper bag. Mrs. Baler has been asked to enter them in a local rock show, but otherwise, they have been nearly forgotten. She said she was disappointed that no one showed any real interest in them.

Attempts to track the trail of the "unidentified flying object" this week proved futile.

Nothing recalled

Tech. Sgt. Craig Wolford, in charge of the U.S. Air Force radar tracking unit south of Ashton, said the only objects picked up by his radar equipment are the jets that are equipped for special equipment and are meant to be tracked. He didn't recall seeing anything out of the ordinary.

At the Federal Aviation Administration Environmental Support Unit on Mount Sawtelle, the personnel said the radar information collected there is sent directly to Salt Lake City where air traffic controllers use it to direct air traffic. They said it was doubtful that any object other than an aircraft would have been noticed unless it interfered in some way with air traffic. Since the object came from the south, it wouldn't have been picked up by the NORAD defense system along the Canadian border.

Young Baler and Lenz haven't looked further upstream for a meteor crater since the campers reported seeing the "UFO" explode before it hit the ground. But the two adventurers haven't completely given up on their search. They still want to know what it was and where it came from.

Strange light may have been a UFO, Ketchumite reports

By SUSAN WHALEY
Wood River Journal

Alan Pennay isn't sure that what he saw last Thursday night was an Unidentified Flying Object, but he is sure he's never seen anything like it before.

Pennay, who lives at River Run Lodge in Ketchum, says he went outside about 7:15 p.m., on Dec. 2, to watch the large snowflakes that were falling lightly from the sky.

"I noticed a strange light in the sky. It didn't look like airplane lights. It looked like a flare, but not as bright, coming slowly from the northeast," Pennay explained.

He couldn't hear any sounds with the light, so he called his wife and two friends outside to have a look. They

thought initially that the light, about the size of a very large star, came from a helicopter or some sort of aircraft, Pennay said.

However, that theory was discarded as the light continued to move silently across the cloudy sky. It eventually stopped and hovered overhead. Then a strange thing happened.

"A small light ejected from it at a very fast rate — whoosh! — and then it disappeared," Pennay said.

At that point, the foursome decided the police should know about the strange lights. As Pennay headed inside, his wife and friends saw a second small light ejected from the large light. It also disappeared.

The bright light then reversed itself and moved slowly back in the direction

it had come from, Pennay said.

~~The whole episode lasted about seven or eight minutes.~~

Still thinking it could have been a helicopter or something, Pennay called Sun Valley Co. the following day to see if perhaps airplanes had been above the peaks seeding the clouds to make snow. However, the company said the lights weren't caused by them, which leaves Pennay without an explanation.

"I have no idea what I saw."

Although Pennay wouldn't mind having a neat explanation for the lights, he's not particularly bothered by the event. He says he's now just one of many people who have encountered something mysterious and unexplainable.

CHEYENNE, WYO.

WYOMING EAGLE DEC. 20 1982

Rancher Reports Sightings

Cow Killing UFO Related?

FRONT PAGE!
By JOAN HUGHES
Eagle Staff Writer

Former gubernatorial candidate Pat McGuire Sunday disputed a point in a Dec. 3 article in the Wyoming Eagle about cow mutilations.

"No one ever saw a landing craft at mutilation sites, and no one has ever seen mutilations occurring," the article noted. But McGuire, who owns a ranch 30 miles northeast of Laramie, said that he had ac-

tually seen a disk-shaped craft with lights pick up a live cow from about six feet off the ground.

McGuire also said he has seen mutilations around the same area he has seen the crafts land.

The controversial rancher said one evening he saw a craft, took off after it, and when it disappeared from view he stayed there in his pickup and the next morning

he saw a mutilated cow about 1,000 feet from the pickup.

It was the night after that that the craft took the live cow, he said.

These incidents reportedly occurred in 1976, but McGuire said yesterday that he has seen alien crafts as recently as two weeks ago.

Those crafts didn't land, but McGuire said they were within 1,000 feet of the ground.

Two UFO sighters may be

—Sunday Independent, August 15, 1982 (WEST AUST.)

TWO Esperance women who claim to have had a close encounter with a UFO earlier this year might be hypnotically regressed to see if they actually came in contact with aliens.

UFO researchers in both Perth and Melbourne are keen to undertake the experiment since it became

apparent the women spent at least 30 minutes they cannot account for on the lonely South Coast Highway.

The subject was first raised by Melbourne author John Pinkney who investigates unexplained phenomena.

At least four other people — including a policeman and two kangaroo shooters — saw the object but no others shared the harrowing experience of Esperance women, Mrs Maggie Yeend and Mrs Frances Collins.

The bright swooping object, identical to many other reported UFOs, "chased" them for some 100km before hovering over Esperance Bay for some time, they said.

Mrs Collins said even though she did not believe they were taken into the

'regressed'

By **BERNIE TIER**

Mrs Collins said they did not slow down to look at the object.

"Would you if you were staring death in the face?" she said.

Next morning the van was found to have a flat rear tyre which also needed a new rim which could explain the speed difference but not the time gap.

The regression may take place in Perth in October as both will be in the city for the Perth Royal Show.

They tried to arrange it during their last visit but the man involved from the Perth UFO Group was out of town.

craft, there was no way to account for the time gap.

She said they left Ravensthorpe at 12.50am — she remembers looking at her watch and drove the 96km to Munglinup at around 110kph.

Their first sighting was shortly after this, and the craft stayed with them the remaining 100km to Esperance.

From then, their late model Kombi van's top speed was 80kph even though before and since it has gone much faster.



• YEEND and Collins — chased by a UFO.

VANCOUVER, WA
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JEWETT, VAN ARSDOL & BECK **ink**

A reliable source tells his UFO story



THIS IS A FLYING SAUCER story, not from some namby-pamby, but from about as unimpeachable a source as one could find.

This eyewitness account was sent to INK by Jim A., a former county commissioner who lives in western Skamania County. He asked that his last name not be used in full. "I do not wish complete strangers calling me to compare notes with them," he

wrote. "Local people, OK."

Here's how Jim described the incident:

"A few weeks back, while Polly was visiting relations and I was home alone, I turned off the living room lights and took a look out the window to see what sort of a day we would have next morning. Instead of stars, I saw a large yellow light descending to the (Columbia) river.

"It was about the size of a small auto, like a Volkswagen Beetle, and it was descending quite slowly. About 100 feet above the river, it raised a few feet and then descended a few feet more, and did this over and over until touching the water.

"It appeared to be testing the gravity pull to see if it could raise again as it neared the water. Finally, after touching the water, it rose in a zigzag."

Jim called the sheriff's office, and was asked to watch it.

"I went back to the window and watched for a moment as it zigzagged slowly upwards. Then, at high speed, it made a sharp right-angle, zipped east a quarter-mile, back west a half-mile, and then made long zigzags as it lowered toward the river."

Jim went back to the phone to describe what was happening to the deputy. Then he ran back to the window. The UFO was gone.

"I have felt foolish telling this to a few friends and relatives," Jim wrote. "But, I thought maybe it would make an item for you."

UFO BASE FOUND UNDER ANTARCTIC

It's revealed in NASA photo, says scientist

NASA scientists have discovered a massive UFO base housing a city of alien creatures beneath a mysterious warm-water lake in the ice-packed South Pole, declares a leading UFO expert.

Surrounded by hundreds of miles of Antarctic ice and larger than the entire state of California, the strange lake is the portal through which these aliens launch their starships, the expert insists.

"This is it," says Lane Childress, a retired physicist and UFOlogist from the University of California at Los Angeles. "NASA has found the aliens' major base on this planet.

"It's been undetected for centuries. If NASA hadn't been able to photograph it by satellite, it may have remained undetected for centuries more."

Mathew Gargan, one of the NASA scientists who discovered the 186,000-square-mile lake, told GLOBE: "The lake has no right being where it is — and there is no explanation as to how it got there."

The scientists spotted the lake while studying photographs of Earth taken by the Nimbus 5 satellite. And, says Gargan: "We were absolutely astonished.

"There, smack in the middle of the Weddell Sea, surrounded by ice in the coldest part of the Antarctic winter, was a massive body of water — completely unfrozen.

"We called it polynya, a Russian word meaning 'unfrozen water surrounded by ice.' Of course, polynyas are often seen in the Arctic Ocean, but they're insignificant compared to this one."

Gargan says typical

By BOB BORINO

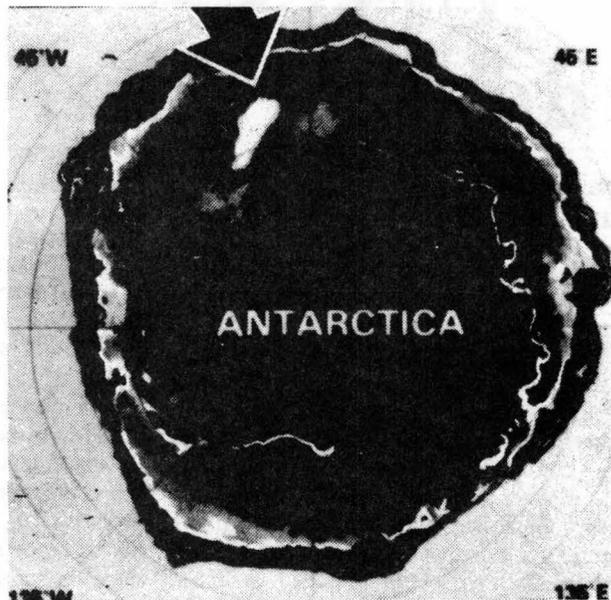
polynyas are formed by high winds that push small patches of ice aside.

"But no wind on earth is powerful enough to keep an area as large as the Weddell polynya free of ice," he contends. "It's impossible. Something beyond our knowledge is at work in the Antarctic."

There are two theories about the Weddell polynya, neither of which satisfies the NASA expert. One contends that eddies caused by currents moving over a rise on the ocean floor are bringing warm water to the surface, preventing the formation of ice.

The second theory says salts released from surface ice force cool surface water to the ocean floor. In turn, warmer water from the deep rises to the surface in narrow "chimneys" and melts the ice.

But, says Gargan, the



SATELLITE photo shows warm sea: "There is no explanation"

polynya doesn't appear every year. If either theory was correct, it would.

An investigative team of 26 American and Russian scientists penetrated the Weddell Sea ice pack searching for clues last year. Unfortunately, the polynya failed to appear. But in its place were strange blobs of warm water.

"So we ended up with another mystery," says Gargan. "What causes the strange blobs?"

Childress says the answer is simple. UFO-nauts have

built a giant undersea mother-base — and the heat rising from their incredible city melts the ice in the years they need to use it.

"It's just like what happens in our big industrial cities," he explains. "Heat rising from factories, heating devices and our bodies raises the temperature above that of surrounding areas.

"This is what's happening in the Weddell Sea. In the years when the polynya does not form, the aliens may be inactive or away from Earth for one reason or another."

UFO's — do they exist?

Science fiction films like 'Star Wars', 'Buck Rogers' and 'Battlestar Galactica' took the world by storm.

Their main attraction, the 'special effects' really made the audience believe for that short instant in life beyond the stars. But who's to say that characters like Luke Skywalker of Star Wars and Adama of Galactica don't actually exist. Maybe not under these names or glorified images but as visitors from other planets. Unidentified flying objects appear across the world in every size, shape and colour imaginable. It's these unexplained sightings that Mr. George Hume of the 'Perth UFO Research Group' investigates.

Mr. Hume, a 72 year old bachelor of Lawrence Street, Bedford, first found fascination with UFO's in 1947 when he read of a pilot

spotting 'discs' over Washington D.C. This pilot was the first to coin the phrase 'flying saucer', which has stuck ever since.

"We receive a lot of calls, but most are about lights in the sky which really don't prove a great deal", Mr. Hume said.

"Each sighting is investigated, the person interviewed and details filed away. The airforce, police and meteorological office all refer details of sightings made by the public to us."

Mr. Hume recalls a sighting he himself made over Bedford in 1979. Soon after, he received a phone call from a woman who claimed she had seen a flying saucer over the area.

Mr. Hume was trav-

elling along The Strand at 11.30 p.m. when he saw, at a low altitude, a very bright white light, which after being stationary moved slowly in a line with Essex Street. By the time he got home it had disappeared.

Similar sightings have been reported as far back as mans creation, but have significantly increased since the 1930's.

Since that era UFO groups have sprung up everywhere, fanning out across the world. Books have found their way into suburban Libraries and serious documentaries have been conducted on the subject.

Scientific studies have, if anything, merely increased the mystery surrounding these sightings. Their reports explain away 90%



• UFO researcher Mr. George Hume, a Bedford bachelor, studies some of the unexplained pictures he has collected.

but they are unable to give any explanation for the remaining 10%.

Now, if you are intrigued by UFO's (as this reporter was) it's a simple matter to join the 'Perth UFO Research Group'. They meet every second Wednesday of the month at 'Willard House', 14 Aberdeen Street, Perth.

For an annual subscription of seven dollars, or three dollars for students and pen-

sioners, you can become a member. Activities include, investigating landing sites, interviewing witnesses and working on scientific data.

Don't be disappointed by the fact that researchers lean towards the 'man-made' theory rather than the visitor from outer space one. In fact you could find yourself becoming heavily involved.

Mysterious lights leave two thinking UFO . . .

By RICH KERSTETTER
Of The Sentinel

LEWISTOWN — Thelma Stricker never saw anything like it before and she hasn't seen anything like it since.

Last weekend, Thelma and the man for whom she keeps house, Fred Close, think they may have seen an unidentified flying object in Ort Valley.

"I just saw some lights over the top of the trees. The lights started coming down over the tops of the trees and I seen the outline of the trees. Then, all of a sudden it disappeared," Mrs. Stricker recalled.

The lights appeared to be coming from the general direction of the Pennsylvania Electric Company building and Close called a friend in that area. Her friend replied that it was dark where he was, Ms. Stricker said.

"I was standing in my kitchen looking out my dining room window, I have a big picture window, and I seen a light coming down over the trees and it went down on the ridge," Close said.

Close said he does not believe the lights came from an automobile or a spotlight because the tops of the trees, not the trunks, were illuminated.

Although he believes he saw a flying saucer several years ago in the Milroy area, Close said, "I not going to say it was a flying saucer, but there was an object that came down, it had a light, and landed on the ridge here."

Close reported Saturday's incident to the Derry Township Police Department around 9:50 p.m. on Saturday, sometime after an anonymous caller from Yeagertown told the Burnham-Derry dispatch center that he saw a bright light flashing in the sky toward McVeytown.

Two reports of UFOs were almost too much for Loyce Harpster, Burnham-Derry dispatcher.

"Why is it everytime I'm on duty?" she asked.

Once before Mrs. Harpster received a report of an unidentified flying object and she sent a Burnham Borough police officer to investigate. Nothing was discovered, however.

"I have never seen any myself but there has been so much of that going on the last few years, you wonder if there isn't something," she said.

She said people have told her about certain Biblical references that could be interpreted as indicating the presence of flying saucers.

Nevertheless, Mrs. Harpster concluded, "Seeing is believing. That's the only way I'd believe anything like that, if I saw it."

Mrs. Harpster sent Derry Township Police officer Don Roberts out on the Ort Valley complaint.

"There was an anonymous caller from Yeagertown — Greenwood Avenue, I believe. He stated that he saw lights coming down from the sky like flares falling. And the guy out in Ort Valley, he stated it was right up behind his home on the ridge," Roberts said.

"I talked to him (Close) and he said he saw two yellowish-orange lights that disappeared into the trees," Roberts recalled.

Although Roberts said he was on Windmill Hill in the vicinity of the reports when the call came in, he said he "didn't see a danged thing, but you had to check it out."

Roberts said he interviewed Close but the police officer could not offer an opinion of what may have caused the lights.

Tom Skillman, Granville Township police chief, was on duty at the time and he heard

the conversation on the police radio.

"I told them that it was just Santa Claus making a dry run," Skillman said.

Fred Gadowski of the meteorology department at Penn State University, offered a more trained opinion of what may have caused the strange occurrences in the sky.

"Both of the descriptions sound to me like what would be consistent with meteor showers — the lights like flares and the yellowish-orange lights," Gadowski said.

Gadowski explained the Geminid meteor shower peaked earlier this week and on days sur-

rounding the actual peak there is an increase in the occurrences of what are commonly called "shooting stars."

The atmospheric conditions normally associated with other types of "strange atmospheric phenomena" were not present last Saturday, Gadowski said.

Meteor showers in partly cloudy skies or when clouds are lifting might create the kind of optical condition reported by Close, Mrs. Striker and the anonymous caller from Yeagertown.

"It was nothing out of the ordinary, but it was out of this world," Gadowski said.

Light on the darkness

WASHINGTON: A team of astronomers has discovered what it believes is the largest stellar black hole yet detected, US scientists said last night.

The black hole is about 180,000 light years from Earth, a tiny distance in cosmic terms. Christened LMC-X3 and discovered by three astronomers at the Inter-American Observatory in Chile, it has a mass of between eight and 12 times that of the sun.

Black holes are invisible concentrations of matter so compact and dense that they swallow everything, even light, within their gravitational field.

Unlike normal black holes, thought to exist at the heart of galaxies, stellar black holes have companion stars which they orbit and suck gases from at extraordinarily high speeds. Dr Roger Bell, a researcher at the federally funded national science foundation, said: "This is about the best case we have for the actual discovery of a stellar black hole."

LMC-X3, which Dr Bell said, is believed to be a relatively young black hole at less than 50 million years' old, was discovered last November at the observatory in Cerro Tololo, north of Santiago.

Anne Cowley, a researcher at the University of Michigan, and David Crampton and John Hutchings of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Victoria, British Columbia, came across LMX-X3 while investigating X-ray sources in the Large Magellanic Cloud, the nearest galaxy to the Milky Way.

Using a 158in. optical telescope they detected a stream of powerful X-rays emitted by hot luminous gases which were being siphoned away from a star in the galaxy, Dr Bell said.

They noted that the star had an unusual orbital pattern and concluded that an invisible gravitational force of tremendous power was nearby, he said.

● A Soviet newspaper said yesterday that the existence of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) should not be ruled out and revealed that a Soviet fighter plane had a brush with a mystery object two years ago.

The weekly Sovetskaya Kultura said there were still many unexplained phenomena behind various "flying saucer" reports and urged scientists to collect and collate as much information as possible on the subject.

In an example of recent strange happenings in the Soviet Union, the report said a fighter plane encountered a "fiery ball" 16 feet in diameter in 1981.

Scientists had at first assumed the phenomenon was ball lightning, but the damage to the plane did not tally with this.

It also revealed that the Soviet Union was working on plans for a long-distance, unmanned space mission to try to track down signs of civilisation on distant planets. — Reuter.

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Global radio search for other worlds urged

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Scientists from the United States, the Soviet Union and 10 other countries are calling for a global effort to listen for radio signals from any extraterrestrials who may be living on planets of other stars.

The researchers make no claims to the existence of advanced civilizations beyond our solar system, but say now is the time to make a broad, long-term effort to search for intelligent life elsewhere.

"The results — whether positive or negative — would have profound implications for our view of our universe and ourselves," the scientists said in a letter published in the Oct. 29 issue of Science magazine.

The letter said the technology now exists to receive

radio signals from extraterrestrials no more advanced than we are from "at least many thousands" of light years away. A light year is about 6 trillion miles.



Researcher scans skies for UFOs

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By NANCY PACK

*May you go safe, my friend, across that dizzy way,
No wider than a hair, by which your people go,
From Earth to Paradise may you go safe today,
With stars and space above, and time and stars below.*

*May You Go Safe
Edward John Plunkett, Lord Dunsany*

Bill Sanderson has spent eight of his 22 years gazing at stars. The Richmond Hill resident is a field investigator for the Canadian Unidentified Flying Object Research Network (CUFORN).

"We are really a sounding post for people who have spotted something unusual in the sky," he said. He added that a UFO can be anything not readily recognizable to the observer. "Technically, if the observer doesn't know what they are looking at, the object is unidentifiable."

Bill's interest in UFOs began while he was attending high school in Stouffville. As he browsed through the shelves at the school's library, he stumbled across a book about UFOs. Thinking it a likely subject to complete an assignment in speech writing, he borrowed the book. The speech made it to an in-school contest, then he went on to the regional finals. Bill was hooked on UFOs.

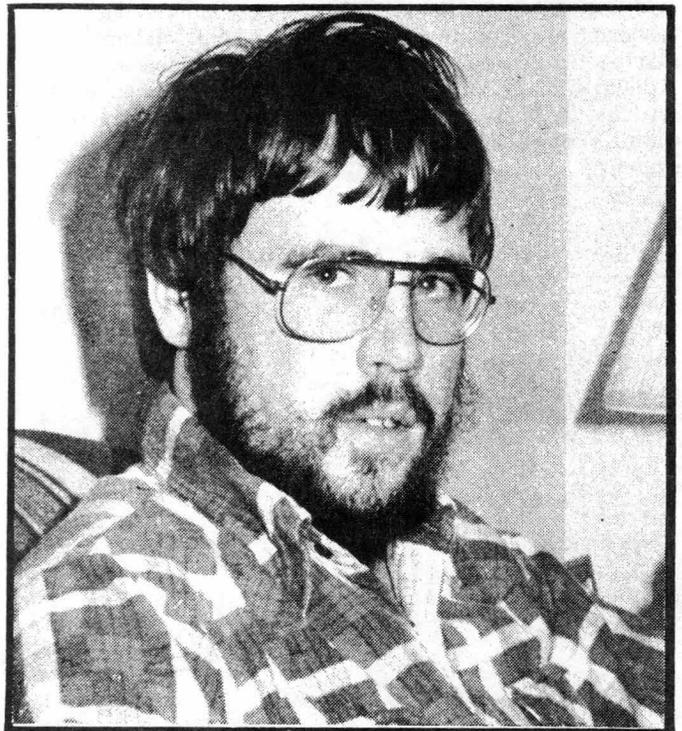
"I guess I like a good mystery. I have this curiosity about sightings. I like to give arguments to both sides. Some really good reported sightings have turned out to be nothing more than hoaxes, others have yet to be explained," he said.

As a CUFORN field investigator, it's Bill's job to check out any reports of UFOs in York Region. Reports of UFO sightings are not prevalent in the Region he said. "There's a strange silence in York Region. CUFORN has only one reported sighting on record from Richmond Hill."

Bill said one of the major problems about reporting a UFO sighting is that there is little sympathy for observers from either the public or military officials.

CUFORN was established in 1977 so that people who see things in the sky and can't be sure of what they are seeing, have a place to report the sighting.

A telephone hotline, manned by qualified personnel most of the time (not between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.), lends a sympathetic ear to people who call after seeing something they can't recognize. "There's nothing to be embarrassed about," said Bill. He himself has seen two strange objects which appeared to be UFOs. "Just because someone says they've seen a UFO doesn't necessarily mean they've seen a space ship."



Bill Sanderson

Bill's first experience with a UFO turned out to be nothing more than the planet Venus going through one of its frequent color changes. The other was a noiseless light in the sky. It proved to be a single-engine aircraft.

"Richmond Hill is boarded by four small aircraft airports, so there's a lot of night traffic. If the wind is blowing in the right direction, it is quite possible that you wouldn't hear a jet engine overhead," he said.

UFO sightings are classified in different categories by CUFORN.

Close encounter type one, means the UFO comes within 500 ft. of the observer. Close encounter type two means that the UFO has somehow changed the environment surrounding it, for example, burn marks on the ground, sudden power surges, or complete loss of power. Close encounter type three is a combination of types one and two but the observer must also see the occupant (if any) of the UFO.

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RESEARCHER SCAN SKIES FOR UFO "CON'T"

Healthy skepticism is Bill's best tool as a UFO field investigator. "My curiosity keeps me looking for proof. I've got to look at the facts and say, 'hey that proves it did or didn't happen.' You can't definitely say yes there are UFOs or no there are not," he explained.

Many believe that as man moves on in his exploration of space, the reported sightings of UFOs diminish. Bill said that sightings come in waves - or in UFOlogist terms - flaps.

The first big flap was in 1947. Another occurred in 1952. A third in 1965 when some of the more classic sightings are said to have occurred. In 1973 there were a few, but not enough to top the flap of 1975 when the last really heavy batch of sightings were reported over a two-month period, according to Bill.

Valid UFO sightings are rare, Bill said, but the evidence, based on what scientists already know about space and also what they speculate may be beyond our solar system, is getting harder and harder to debunk.

Philip J. Klass, author of the book *UFOs Explained*, is so sure that there are no UFOs from other planets that he is willing to pay \$10,000 to the person who can prove UFOs exist.

Interested parties must sign an agreement with Klass and agree to pay the author \$100 per year up to a \$1,000 maximum. If the person can prove UFOs exist, not only will Klass pay the \$10,000, he will also buy back all existing copies of his book which states emphatically that there is no such thing as a UFO.

Does Bill Sanderson believe in UFOs? "I'm curious," he admits. "There's a lot of evidence which says they don't exist and just as much which says they do."

What if Bill Sanderson was driving home as Richard Dreyfuss was in the movie *Close Encounters*, and he was suddenly stopped by a giant space ship? "I'm not sure how I'd react. Number one, I'd be very curious as to who was operating the ship, but the last thing I'd be would be frightened. I view this as a big mystery. It's the same as if I was reading an Agatha Christie novel. I'd want to know whodunit, but I definitely wouldn't be afraid."

Bill and his colleagues at CUFORN stress that theirs is a serious organization, dealing directly with research and investigation of UFO sightings. "We investigated only serious sightings," Bill added. "We want to hear from those with a valid belief they've observed a UFO."

The CUFORN hotline number is 886-2345.