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Local woman reports a UFO here

Janice Webster of the Holly Street Apartments has for two nights in a row observed what she believes to be a UFO moving over Willits.

On Sunday at about 11:30 p.m. the young woman went into her daughter's bedroom for a late night check and was startled to see a large flashing light through the bedroom window.

"It was in the sky to the north, just above the large green house on top of the hill across Holly Street from the apartment.

"It was much larger than a plane's landing light, and it was rotating all the while it remained there. Suddenly, it started making very strange movements, in a kind of diamond pattern like one

makes when drawing a star, up and down and sideways.

"There appeared to be more than one light, but it was so bright it was hard to tell.

"I watched for about three minutes, then suddenly it disappeared, just like a light had been turned off."

Mrs. Webster was so impressed that the next night she decided to wait up for a possible return performance, and had a pair of binoculars ready at the window.

At about 2:45 a.m. Tuesday morning, just as she was about to give up, she went out to the kitchen and saw the familiar flash of light through that window, which faces southwest.

"I ran back in the bedroom and got the binoculars, and this time I watched the lights for ten minutes as they moved very slowly in the direction of Ukiah and finally out of sight.

"There were distinctly two lights — a large flashing light and a smaller one, with a long tail of light streaming out behind like a comet."

Later that same morning, about 9 a.m., Mrs. Webster said she looked up into the area of sky where she had

seen the lights and was startled to see the air filled with millions of specks of light "milling around very rapidly."

Mrs. Webster says there was no sound at all in connection with the lights she saw on the two separate nights, "and they were definitely not the lights of any kind of aircraft I have ever seen. They were much too large, and their movements too sharp and rapid."

At the suggestion of the Willits Police Department, Mrs. Webster reported her sighting to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle which advised her they would relay back to her any information they are able to obtain from other observers.

DAILY JOURNAL, Waseca, MN - Sept. 18, 1979

UFO citing reported near New Richland

BY STEVE SCHILD
Staff Writer

An 18-year-old Albert Lea woman reported sighting a UFO at about 10:30 p.m. Friday night while driving on Highway 30 about five miles west of New Richland.

Julie Nelson, who reported the sighting to Freeborn County authorities at 2:17 a.m. Saturday, was driving back to Albert Lea with her sister, Sue, and Vicky Harning, Clarks Grove, after the three had attended a Mankato-Albert Lea football game in Mankato.

Julie Nelson said the three saw a "white light that changed to red a couple of times," about 12 car lengths in front of her vehicle and about 8-9 feet above the highway. She described the light as being between six inches and one and a half feet in diameter and "fuzzy around the edges."

A sheriff's department report states the light "stayed in front of the car even when it pulled into the left lane to pass what she (Julie Nelson) thought was a motorcycle." Nelson, the report continues, sped up to try to catch the light, but it maintained its distance from the vehicle.

The light disappeared for "a few minutes at the most," Julie Nelson said, and then re-appeared, she said, "kind of like a flash, except it stayed."

"We'd seen the lights for about 10-15 minutes altogether," Julie Nelson said this morning, during which time the lights disappeared "three or four times." About four or five minutes after the lights re-appeared within four car lengths of the Nelson vehicle, it disappeared for the last time.

"It was just gone," Julie said.

Julie's 15-year-old sister, Sue, said she thought she saw "a space ship down in the ditch" about eight minutes after the women had seen the lights for the first time. No one else in the car saw what Sue thought was a space ship.

Julie said there was a noise accompanying the lights that sounded "like an 80 mile per hour wind." "We had the windows rolled up and the vents were closed," Julie said, "but I still heard it real loud."

DAILY REVIEW, Towanda, PA

Sept. 17, 1979

Callers Report UFO In Area

It started out as a quiet Sunday evening at The Daily Review. Sure enough, it was too good to be true.

Late in the evening, a call came: "There's a UFO up by Table Rock," the caller proclaimed. "Are you going to send somebody up?"

It was just a crank call, right? A few minutes later, another reasonably sane sounding person reported the same sighting.

"We've been sitting on our porch watching it for an hour," this caller said. "There are strange, flashing lights. I've never seen anything like it."

This sent a couple of staffers scurrying out to the front of our building. No one was willing to admit it was a UFO, but there was something hovering over the mountain on the other side of the river. A look through the binoculars showed alternately flashing red, green and yellow lights.

Before the night was over, four different individuals called in similar reports.

Now, we're not saying it was a UFO. All we know is that it vanished after a few hours, and nobody has come up with a logical explanation. Maybe somebody out there has one.

POST-BULLETIN, Rochester, MN - Sept. 19, 1979

Disease, Insects Ruled Out in Area Cornfield Mystery

By ALETA FREIMARK
Post-Bulletin Staff Writer

LAKE CITY — Flattened corn on a farm near here — believed by some to be the site of a UFO landing — was not caused by disease, according to Wabasha County Extension Agent Matt Metz.

Metz visited the Curtis Olson farm in West Albany Township this morning at the request of the Wabasha County sheriff's department.

Sheriff Robert Loechler investigated the damaged area Tuesday after Olson reported it to the department. Loechler called the downed corn "unexplainable." Olson said he believes a UFO landed on his property.

The investigation by Metz proved that the corn was not diseased or infested by root worms or corn borers. Metz said the corn appeared to be healthy and had good root systems, but that the stalks had been downed for "at least a month."

Olson had said earlier that in

passing the field last week he had noticed no damage, but Metz theorized that he probably didn't see it because "you can't see this (patch) from walking or driving by." Surrounding corn stands 11-12 feet high.

Olson discovered a circle of damage about 50 feet in diameter and another about 30 feet in diameter while mowing hay in a bordering field Sunday.

Metz today agreed with that description of the damage and said "whatever happened, happened quite a while ago."

Metz said the downed corn had already grown brace roots up to the third and fourth node in some cases.

The extension agent could not offer any explanation for an area of bare ground in the center of the largest area of flattened corn, however, or for charred corn that had been removed yesterday by the sheriff's department.

He said the corn could not have been downed by a man's foot because the stalks would have broken from the

bottom. He agreed with Olson that the corn appears to have been toppled from the tops of the stalks. He said however, "some kind of a wind" could have done such damage.

The extension agent along with two representatives from the county's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service also investigated hoofprints or footprints in soil near the corn. They were not sure what type of animal might have caused the prints, but were in agreement that the damaged areas probably weren't caused by stray animals.

Al Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., also has said he may make a stop at the Olson farm to investigate the damage.

"It's not unlike any of 1,300 physical trace sightings reported throughout UFO literature," said Hendry.

"We like to take a critical approach to alleged physical evidence," he said. "We place a higher premium on cases where a sighting was actually involved."

When the night's skies held more than stars

Colusa family recalls UFO sighting

by JUDY STANLEY
of the Herald

Three years ago — on September 10th, 1976 — a Colusa man, his wife, several of his neighbors, and a handful of other witnesses claimed they saw an unidentified flying object over Colusa. The case has since become one of the most well-documented UFO sightings in recent history, but it is a mystery that has yet to be solved — and a sighting that has yet to be proven or disproven by UFO experts — even after three years.

But one thing is certain: Life has never again been the same for Colusan Bill Pecha and his family since the night of the alleged sighting, and Pecha has confessed that — should he ever again chance to see something similar to what he saw that night — he "might never say anything" about it to anyone, due to the uproar and inconvenience it has caused his family and himself.

The Pechas live on a small ranch outside of Colusa, and Bill builds and repairs heavy farm equipment in his shop. Well-respected and regarded as highly reputable by all who know him, Pecha maintains that, prior to the 1976 incident, he had had no experience with UFOs, nor did he even believe in them.

But he does now.

Internationally known as the "Colusa UFO" or "the Pecha Case", the events of that evening were as follows, according to Pecha in a recent interview with the Herald.

"It was September 9th, my wife's birthday, and I had worked very late, building heavy equipment. My wife had gone to bed about eleven o'clock and I had come in about eleven, and I was going to take a shower and relax and watch a little television. There was a western on, "Waterhole No. 3", and I wanted to watch it. I'll never forget it.

"So I sat there and watched it, until about 12:30 a.m. (which made the date of the sighting September 10th), and the T.V. started acting up. But the channel I was on did that from time to time, so I thought 'well, the T.V.'s going out,' but then power went off — and just as suddenly came back on.

"Around one o'clock the power went completely off and I looked out in the shop and it was dark and my nightlight was off, so I figured I just blew a fuse. Or maybe the transformer had kicked off in the shop because I'd been welding heavy that day.

"I was just going to tip-toe outside to go flip it back on and come back and watch my movie — and that's when it started happening.

"It was a bright moonlit night, still sultry and kinda hot, and as I walked out, I had this shocking sensation — a little tingling — but I didn't give it too much thought.

"That is, until I walked around the corner of the house, and saw a big dark shadow on the ground. I noticed it, but I didn't notice any clouds that would make a shadow like that.

"When I got around the corner of the house, there was a pretty good-sized round object, hovering over the barn, with parts of it turning around, and it had these long, electrical cable type things dangling down toward the barn.

"I couldn't believe it. I thought, 'well, this is it for us', because it was really a horrible looking mess.

"It was hovering above the barn very quietly, just making a real light clicking sound, and I walked underneath it, just under the edge of it, and that's when I really got a good shock, and I couldn't move.

"I started hollering for my wife, but I couldn't get anything out — of course I could have been scared half to death too — it was very spooky.

"I figure I was there at least six minutes, because the power was off for nine, and I had gone outside as soon as the lights went off.

"There were two other UFO's farther away, and it looked like they were zapping power from the big power lines (the 500,000 volt power lines which run outside Colusa — part of the Central Valley Power Project).

"When the other two left, and the big one started moving off slowly over the fields, I felt okay and relieved and I came back in, running and screaming to my wife, 'You gotta come out here; you gotta come see it.'

"By the time I got her up, it was already over the Davis' house — they've got a cropdusting airstrip behind us — and I got her to see that part, and the way it was lit up.

"It had moved away to the foothills, about where the Three Sisters ranch is, but then it was back very rapidly and

UFO sighted in Foley, area

Residents in the 101st Avenue NW, Foley Boulevard and Dogwood Street NW area reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO) Saturday afternoon.

"My neighbor, my husband, my kids and I saw the object about 4:42 p.m. Saturday," said Mary Krystofiak.

"I heard the kids screaming and I went outside because I thought there had been an accident. I looked up and saw this round disc, gray in color, spinning and traveling. There were

no lights on it or sound coming from it."

"I called for my neighbor Janet Bowman, who was inside having coffee, to come outside and look at it. She did, and then my husband came out. By then the object was climbing and moving away in the northwest direction."

Mrs. Krystofiak said another resident on Foley reported seeing the UFO. It was a cloudy afternoon, but Mrs. Krystofiak said the disc was below the clouds.

started the whole thing over again near where we were, and that's when I told my wife it was time to get out of here and go to town.

"I don't get scared very easy, but that shook me up pretty bad," said the 42-year-old machinist.

After the Pechas piled everybody in their pickup, Bill headed for town as fast as possible. Turning into a friend's driveway, he jumped out of the truck and pounded on the door.

When the friend came to the door, she too saw the craft and exclaimed, "My God, what is it?" before it turned out of sight. And when Pecha reported the whole incident to the Colusa County Sheriff's Department, they had already been made aware of it through other reports which added further substantiation to Pechas'.

Before the large craft quickly vanished, Pecha also described an upside-down cone of light, that did not illuminate the ground beneath it, slowly descending as the vehicle hovered near the fairgrounds. Soon after that, the craft vanished and has never been seen again, although Pecha has said that other people who have contacted him since the sighting have described a craft similar to the one he saw up in Oregon not long after the Colusa sighting.

It was after this the publicity on the case began. Flatly denying any possibility of his concocting the story for money, Pecha said that he never once contacted any news media and only filed a report of the occurrence at the Sheriff's department after heavy thinking on his part.

Shortly after the incident, a local paper asked if they could print the story, and after much hesitation Pecha gave a cautious "okay, if it's only one."

"But after that," groans Pecha, "things got completely out of hand.

Sensationalized stories appeared in several weekly gossip magazines; people called them up at all hours of the day and night from all over the world; people would quote Pecha as saying things he didn't say or add or sensationalize parts of the story; three writers offered to write Pecha's life story (he refused); and so on and on it still goes.

The Pechas have had two T.V. special reports done about them — one by Channel 3 and one by Channel 7 — and have been interviewed by the likes of Harry Reasoner and Barbara Walters, and are hounded frequently by people from around the world who want permission to use their story.

Even after three years, the Pechas still hear from people who want to know about the incident "about every month".

How has life in a small town been after something like this?

"It's about fifty-fifty," said Pecha. "Fifty per cent of the people we know are really warm and supportive and believe us, while the other fifty per cent say, 'Hey Bill, whatcha been drinking?'"

"About every other day I go to town — I always stop for coffee in the morning before I open my shop — and some guy who hasn't seen me for a couple of weeks is sure to say, 'Hey Bill, how are you doing on that UFO you're building?' Well he means it in a kidding way, but they just don't want to believe you."

"But I know what I saw — it's something that you don't forget," he said. "To me, in a lot of ways, it's like it happened yesterday.

"Even now, after three years, whenever I get really tired or worried, I have nightmares about it happening all over again and I wake up in a cold sweat," said Pecha, who does not have a reputation for being easily scared.

Investigation on the parts of national and international research teams is still continuing on the case, and articles and interviews are still appearing in news media.

But for the Pechas, who are trying to live and work as normally as possible, that night three years ago when the sky held more than stars will be a night they will never forget.

Maybe we shouldn't either.

UFO Sightings Reported In Area

BY CAROLE MAGUIRE

Two Suffolk residents and a Portsmouth resident have said they saw an unidentified flying object on two different nights in the Suffolk-Chesapeake-Portsmouth area.

Cheri Underwood and Debbie Presson, both of Suffolk, said they were returning home from night school in Virginia Beach when they saw an oval or round object, flying above the trees and over Rt. 58 last Thursday around 10 p.m.

Ms. Underwood, traveling between the Chesapeake-Portsmouth Airport and the truck weighing station, described the object as moving in circles, having bluish-green and red lights and one large white light that "didn't seem to be spotting down on anything."

The two women, in their early

twenties, did not report this sighting to Suffolk police, however, they said they stopped at the truck weighing station to ask if anyone there had seen the unexplained event.

Underwood said no one there had seen anything out-of-the ordinary. The girls went home. They said there were about six cars on the road behind them so they feel "someone else must have seen it."

The same two girls were traveling the same road on Monday around the same time when they said they saw the object again.

This time there were no other cars on the road and Ms. Underwood said "it went right over our car—low. It was shooting lights out like flying insects."

The UFO was moving along with them towards Suffolk on Rt. 58, Ms. Underwood said. The women went to

the Suffolk Police Department and made a report to the officer on duty who called UFO Central which has a phone number known only to police.

A UFO Central representative told the police officer that someone from that agency would get in touch with Ms. Underwood and Ms. Presson soon.

A check at the Airport Shell gas station, across from the Chesapeake-Portsmouth Airport, revealed that the manager, Charlie Sullivan, a Portsmouth resident, was riding with his wife and three children on Monday night around 9 p.m. in the vicinity of Airline and Victory Blvds. in Portsmouth. Sullivan said that his fifteen-year-old son and his two younger daughters told him that there was a "flying saucer" above them. He said he told the kids it was an airplane and not to be "silly." No report was made to police by them.

A representative of the Langley Air Force Base public information office said the Air Force has been out of the UFO business for a few years. However, she said they have been having increased flying exercises that could possibly be misinterpreted as UFO activity in the area where sightings were reported on Thursday.

The representative said that the exercises ended on Friday. She said that Langley was not doing any night flying on Monday when two sightings were indicated.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Langley also is not involved in investigating UFO sightings, a representative of public affairs said. According to him, NASA flies research aircraft, but only in the daytime and usually only around Wallop's Island on the Eastern Shore.

First UFO sighting reported here

PRESS, White Bear Lake, MN - Sept. 21, 1979

Unlikely as it may seem, White Bear Lake last week was the scene of a UFO sighting.

According to police, a report was made of a red, blue and green object with triangular windows heading over White Bear Lake in a southerly direction.

A young woman told police she was returning to her home on Cook Avenue in the early morning hours of Saturday, Sept. 15, when she spotted the object in the eastern sky.

She described the object as being very bright, but gave no estimation of its speed, saying only that it went in an easterly then southerly, direction.

Police said this was the only report of a sighting of a UFO they ever received.

SENTINEL-COURIER, Cooperstown, ND - Sept. 19, 1979

T. L.

by Duna

Remember the bright flame-colored object four people saw Sunday night a week ago?

At least a dozen other people saw something, too, that night.

The time, as you recall, was about 8 or 8:30 p.m. The sun was down but the sky was still not dark.

The people I originally heard from were Mr. and Mrs. Don Loder, Jim Sott and Ethel Paintner.

Since then Todd Paintner, Ethel's grandson, has reported that he and his companion, Gary Vareberg, had been hunting doves about five miles west of town and were about to go home when they saw a bright orange object overhead. Todd said it was big, round, and had a tail that pointed downward. They went into the pickup and watched it move back and forth before it headed west. He said the color was very bright and hard to describe.

At the same time, Esther Larson was just leaving the hospital, where she had been doing some work in the laboratory. She left by the west door, and over the trees she saw a bright red-orange object that seemed to have flashing lights. She said it was partly cone-shaped, partly round.

Their two-year-old child saw it first at the Arnold Saxberg farm near Jessie. Mrs. Saxberg described it as oblong or oval, and when it turned it looked like two tails or two flames went straight up from the base for a few seconds. (One of the little girls said it looked like a moon pointed on the bottom and pointed on top). It was red, like fire, and moved slowly, said Mrs. Saxberg, who estimated that they watched it 15-20 minutes. She said it seemed to be as high off the ground as a low-flying airplane, lower than the clouds. It was like a big airplane on fire. She noticed that the object was traveling northwest against the wind, which was from the southwest. They finally quit watching because, Mrs. Saxberg explains, "We had 50 cows to milk and we were just standing there looking at the thing in the sky."

At Binford, Ray Watne saw something that looked like someone lit a torch. It appeared to him to be sun shining on a contrail from a jet plane. He noticed three or four streaks and a plane ahead of it. His wife watched, too. It was in sight perhaps seven or eight minutes.

I have heard, but haven't talked to the people, that at least two others saw it here.

My neighbor, Marvel Oakley, called me after the paper was out to say they had been at Loon Lake near Vergas, Minn., the night in question, with friends. She said that some of the people in their party, members of the Howard Nierenberg family, had come in from the lake to report that they had watched a bright object in the sky that looked like a helicopter on fire from the inside.

And back to the original group, Mrs. Don Loder said they have not heard any logical explanation of what the object was. "We certainly spend a lot of time looking at the sky, though," she said.

DAILY NEWS, Bowling Green, KY
Sept. 28, 1979

UFO

Three Forks hisser

Houston Smith, 69, of Three Forks awoke at about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday to a sound similar to "air going out of a tire."

He got out of bed, looked out his window and saw what looked like "a big ball of fire" from a "red kind of light." Smith said he watched the object, which was 30-

40 feet in the air, for a few minutes before it disappeared.

Several other residents of the Three Forks community told WKCT News that they also observed an object similar to the one described by Smith at about the same time Wednesday night.

H.R. Keith, a resident of the area, said he was asleep and didn't see anything. However, at about noon Thursday Keith found a circle "about six steps wide" with soot and burned leaves on the ground. Some area residents have theorized that the UFO they saw may have landed in Keith's yard.

State police said they hadn't been informed about a glowing light in the Three Forks community and no other agencies were known to be investigating.

MIRROR, Richland, MO - Sept. 20, 1979

R.H.S. students spot U.F.O.'s!

By Pat Stafford

On the night of September 15th, about 9:30 p.m., several students and adults sighted unknown lights. They were first seen from East Side Service Station, and they seemed to be out on 7 highway. There were three glowing orange lights that blinked off, one at a time, and then finally disappeared. About five minutes later they appeared again, seen from the Drug Store, and this time there were four of them. Later by Oaklawn Cemetary there was a

white light flying through the sky making much faster than a regular plane and turned an almost complete circle, then dissappeared! Others said they saw them out on 133 highway. Several others saw the same thing and recalled times when an orange glowing light followed them in their car.

Can you explain what these glowing orange lights are?

Balsam property owners report UFO sighting

Two middle-aged couples who share a lake cabin in the Balsam Lake area, and live in the northern suburbs of Minneapolis, have reported a UFO sighting.

The sighting ties in with the recent sighting in the Dresser area, reports Bradley Ayers, an investigator for the Center of UFO Studies.

Ayers reports that while riding together in the same car at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Labor Day evening, Sept. 3, enroute back to their homes in the Twin Cities, on a road near Balsam Lake, the couples were suddenly confronted with the appearance of a large, intensely red, glowing disc in the starlit sky over the road immediately in front of them.

Almost at the same moment that they perceived the strange, luminous orb, the dash and headlights of the car were unexplainably extinguished.

The driver of the car had to quickly apply the brakes to bring the car to a safe, emergency halt on the darkened road. After several seconds of eerie silence, the lights of the automobile came back on, again unexplainably.

The brilliant red glow was then seen to "shoot" off to the southwest at an exceedingly high rate of speed.

This sighting occurred two days before the daytime sighting near Trollhaugen at Dresser, Sept. 5.

New Richmond Sighting

On the night of Sept. 4, an elderly, retired New Richmond couple were out for a leisurely evening drive southwest of New Richmond. At about 7:30 p.m., in the same general area where three young SCUBA divers sighted a strange, small, silvery dome, the retired couple observed a brilliant globe-shaped metallic-appearing object which seemed to be moving toward their slowly moving car.

After momentarily losing sight of the object, it seemed to pass over their car with a tremendous roaring noise, violently shaking the car "like a dozen freight trains." Shaken by the experience, they returned home and said nothing until Sept. 27.

Three Hudson men were heading home near New Richmond on Tuesday, Sept. 4

when they sighted a small, silvery dome-like or disc-shaped object near the Dobby turkey farm. They watched it hover 10-20 feet over a field, in a wobbling motion. It eventually lifted and moved east along Highway 65.

Witnesses

"I am extremely interested in what we have come to refer to, collectively, as the Dresser-New Richmond case. It is unfolding as a classic UFO encounter, with a multitude of credible, unrelated witnesses, says Ayers.

Ayers hopes that if there are other witnesses to UFO encounters, they will contact him at: Bradley Earl Ayers, 1195 Quinlan Avenue South, Lakeland, Minn 55043. His phone is 612-439-1945.

2 UFO Reports Are Made In Mower County

POST-BULLETIN, Rochester, MN - Oct. 16, 1979 CR: M. Hall

AUSTIN — Two unidentified flying object reports in Mower County recently have been turned over to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. for investigation.

According to the Mower County Sheriff's Department, Thomas Gebhart of rural Waltham reported this week that something broke or pushed down a 12-foot square area of his bean field. Gebhart said there also were two 4-inch deep depressions in the area where the beans were burned. The damage was believed to have occurred two to four weeks ago, according to Gebhart.

In the other incident, Thomas Braaten of Coon Rapids reported seeing a UFO at about 1 a.m. Sunday shortly after arriving at a rural Austin residence where he was staying.

Braaten said he saw two oblong-shaped objects in the sky to the east of the home located near Mower 3.

The two objects, one large, one small, emitted a white colored steady glow and hovered for about 10 to 15 minutes, Braaten said. He said the objects then moved off to the northeast.

Both men notified the Mower County Sheriff's Department, which in turn notified the UFO Center.

BEACON, Cannon Falls, MN - Sept. 27, 1979



Four eastside kids point to the spot in the sky where they saw a UFO a week ago Tuesday afternoon. L to R: Kevin Molstrom, 11; Tony Weber, 9; Tanya Weber, 11; and Jodi Fregien, 9.

'Something I'd Never Seen Before'

Was Object a UFO?

By Kate Johannessen

"Hey! Look up there. What is that thing?"

At least nine people at two different locations in Cannon Falls were making similar exclamations about 4:15 p.m. last Tuesday, Sept. 18.

All nine saw what they believe to be the same object, a shiny, round disk described by one as "chrome colored" that looked like an upside down hubcap.

Four of the nine, 11-year-old Tanya Weber, her 9-year-old brother Tony, 11-year-old Kevin Molstrom and 9-year-old Jody Fregien, were tumbling in the back yard of the Tom and Linda Weber home, 512 E. Water Street.

The other five, Arnie Hjermstad, Dennis Felton, Jerry Ratzlaff, Jerry Schanink and Allen Barsness, were working on the Hjermstad house, 518 E. State Street, only a block away.

"My daughter definitely says it's not an airplane," said Linda Weber about the sighting.

Relatives of the Webers own a hot air balloon and the children have ridden in one. They are also familiar with airplanes and don't believe that this object was either a plane or a balloon.

"When they came in they were excited but also hesitant," commented Ms. Weber about her children's experience. "I think they saw something."

Father, Tom Weber, also believes his children. After hearing the story of a possible UFO landing in the Curtis Olson cornfield near Lake City, he called WCCO radio to relate their story.

The children said the object was moving from northwest to southeast. Workers at the Hjermstad house said the same.

The object was "sighted at 11 o'clock in the sky moving from northwest to southeast," said Arnie Hjermstad. "We're sure it was the same sighting," (as the Weber children).

According to Hjermstad, air currents that day were moving from west to east, but this object "was going faster than air currents. It was flying as fast or faster than a jet, I'm

guessing."

When asked if he thought the object he had seen was a UFO, Hjermstad commented, "I don't dare say because you just don't know. It was weird. It was something I had never seen before. It didn't act like anything I have ever seen before."

Hjermstad did comment that when a jet goes over the horizon it appears to be going down, because of the curvature of the earth. "This thing stayed the same or got even higher," said Hjermstad.

Dennis Felton, who was working at the Hjermstad house, believes it was an unidentified flying object.

"I always thought there were UFO's," said Felton. "I'd say it was."

Was this object an unidentified flying object? Perhaps that question will never be answered. So far no experts on UFO's have been to Cannon Falls to talk with the eyewitnesses.

But they are getting national recognition. Tom Weber commented that reporters from National Inquirer and the New York Star have talked to his children.

REPUBLICAN, Myersdale, PA - Oct. 4, 1979

UFO Reported In Listie Area

Unidentified Flying Objects in the area? Maybe, according to Allen Cline of Somerset RD 7, and Von Wharsel, who spotted what they believe was one last Tuesday night. The spotting occurred over Listie, about 2:05 a.m.

Cline described the incident as the night was a clear one and the stars could be seen, and all at once he spotted a bright, white light in the southwestern sky. At first, the two men thought it was a plane going to land at the Somerset County Airport near Friedens, but the light didn't move. It stayed in place for about five minutes and then disappeared.

Then Cline said he saw a smaller red light in the same spot that appeared to be rather hazy, and suddenly, the light shot straight up into the sky, with out making a sound. It went up, and then back down again to the brighter white light, looking like a huge spotlight. But then it moved again.

Cline says then the hazier red light reappeared this time, two smaller blue lights appeared behind the red one, in the sky. It remained there for a short time, then it suddenly took off, looking like a jet going into flight. But, as Cline said, the night was still silent. Even as the object moved overhead, it made no sound. Then, it disappeared from sight.

They couldn't figure out what it was they witnessed and would like to know.

A little research in the matter informs that there were no sightings reported at the Cambria County Airport near Johnstown, and apparently, there was no one working at the Somerset County Airport at the time of the sighting.

What was it?

A BIRD? A UFO? A PLANE?

At least seven Amherst students and several from Littlefield saw a strange lighted object flying in the sky Sunday night between 10:20 and 10:40 p.m. near Amherst.

One Amherst High School student said she and her boyfriend were on the road about 1/2 mile southeast of Amherst near the railroad track when they saw a flying object radiating tones of green and red-colored lights.

She said it was running at varying speeds about water tower high, and it would move back and forth across the highway from side to side. It would hover at times, and when it did the big white light on the bottom would go off, but the smaller light stayed on all the time.

The student, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "I know it wasn't an airplane." We turned off the motor to the car, and turned off the radio, and there was no noise at all. We watched it awhile, and decided to turn the lights back on to follow it, and it came down toward us. We turned around and headed back to Amherst, and it went on toward Littlefield."

She said, "It was the strangest object I've ever seen - very un-

usual! And I KNOW it wasn't an airplane!"

One adult in Littlefield reported seeing a green light flash through the window about that time.

And, at about 10:30, reports of lights going out at Sudan, Amherst and Littlefield were given over the police radios, requesting that Southwestern Public Service Company be notified to check for accidents that might have caused an outage. Whether the incidents are related, no one knows.

A check with Sheriff E. D. McNeese Monday afternoon revealed that the UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) was "a regular little plane like those that land here at our airport."

Sheriff McNeese said he had sent his officers to Amherst to investigate the matter, and that was their conclusion.

Some of the youths went to a field below where the "UFO" was sighted, and found a burned place, which Sheriff McNeese said was the remains of burned debris from a combine, which the farmer had set on fire after unplugging a stopped-up combine.

But, one youth who saw the craft declares:

"They may want to give me a lie detector test, but I know it wasn't an airplane."

Monday's UFO report not an individual phenomena

By PAUL GILKES
News-Chief Staff

Phil Guthrie and Bill Cheeseman weren't the only persons to see a thin, elongated flash of white light Monday night they believed to be a UFO - an unidentified flying object.

Rick Myers, a 20-year-old freshman at Polk Community College, said he was working on his car in the driveway of his home at 320 Ave. H S.E., with his friend, Mark Cobb, 19, when they both spotted a thin, silver flash in the sky. That was at approximately 7 p.m., the same time Guthrie and Cheeseman said they spotted the bright-white configuration in the sky on State Road 540 near Thornhill Road.

Guthrie and Cheeseman followed the light until it vanished without warning some 20 minutes later.

Myers said he watched "what looked like a thin jet" for five to 10 minutes through a pair of binoculars. "It was long and silver and barely moving," Myers said. "Then it simply disappeared. It wasn't like an airplane with a long stream behind it."

Myers said he didn't think anything about the incident, which was also witnessed by several neighborhood youngsters, until he read a story in Tuesday's News-Chief about the sighting by Guthrie and Cheeseman.

"You know how you just joke around and say, 'Hey, look at that UFO,'" Myers said. "I saw it shining but I'm not sure what it was."

Dr. Edgar Willard said he was driving along Cypress Gardens Boulevard near Lake Roy when he spotted the "orange and white" light hovering in the distance.

Willard said several of his friends in the Valencia Hills subdivision also spotted the unusual flash of light, which the doctor described as being "wide at the top and thin at the bottom."

"I never saw anything in the world like it," Willard said, explaining the experience. "I didn't want them (Guthrie and Cheeseman) to think they were the only ones who saw it."

Guthrie reported the sighting to the Polk County Sheriff's Department and then to the Office of Phenomena Research in the state of Washington.

UFO reported over Panther Creek

Five persons reported sighting of an unidentified flying object over the Panther Creek area at 7:30 Tuesday night, according to the Lincoln City Police Department.

The UFO, which was said to be moving westward at a relatively rapid pace, was described as a flashing red and green object, flat in shape.

With each flash emitted, according to reports, tele-

vision and radio reception was disrupted.

Also Tuesday night, in a development that may not be related to the Lincoln County incident, literally hundreds of calls were received by Yamhill County Sheriff's Department regarding a forest fire that erupted nine miles northwest of Yamhill.

At least three of the callers reported that "a ball of flame" was the apparent cause of the blaze.

Whether the object was or was not a meteor has not been established.

As of early Wednesday afternoon, the fire in Yamhill County was still burning.

Forestry officials are investigating the cause of the fire.

UFO spotted west of W. Haven

By PAUL GILKES
News-Chief Staff

It looked like a thin, elongated white flash of light that kept getting farther and farther away. Then all of a sudden, it vanished.

Phil Guthrie is positive what he and Bill Cheeseman saw Tuesday night on State Road 540 near Thornhill Road was a UFO; an unidentified flying object. Guthrie, a 16-year-old sophomore at Winter Haven High School, said he and Cheeseman were riding in the 38-year-old Cheeseman's pickup truck along Recker Highway when they made the turn on to S.R. 540 at approximately 7 p.m.

That's when Guthrie said he first noticed the unusual light configuration.

"It was like a big beam of light: white with orange-looking red around the fringe," Guthrie said as the moving light headed west toward Lakeland. Guthrie said he and Cheeseman followed the steady beam of white light for almost 20 minutes before it suddenly picked up speed and then vanished from sight.

"I've never seen anything like it before in my life," Guthrie said. "At first I thought it might be a big ball of fire or a plane. But a plane never looked like that."

Guthrie said he reported the sighting to the Polk County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff's officials said no one else called to report the sighting.

"We saw what we saw," Guthrie said. "I wanted to stop and ask for a camera to take a picture but I didn't want anyone to think I was dumb."

Cheeseman described the steady beam of light much the same way Guthrie did. He said he's not sure exactly what the light was "but I know my vision is good." Cheeseman said when he went home and told his wife about the unusual experience he'd had just moments earlier, "my family just about laughed me out of the house."

Cheeseman said he's not sure whether what he saw was a comet or some phenomenon caused by a change in atmospheric conditions. He said what makes those speculations more strange is that the sky was especially clear with no clouds in the sky for light to reflect.

Information from the sighting was turned over to the Office of Phenomena Research in the state of Washington for investigation.

WARREN (AP) - Infrared photographs of vegetation indicate there was an intensely bright light in the area where a deputy sheriff was knocked unconscious in August, according to Marshall County Sheriff Dennis Brekke.

Deputy Val Johnson, 35, was patrolling a stretch of road Aug. 27 when he said he spotted a bright light. As he approached, he said, the light swooped in on him.

When Johnson regained consciousness about 30 minutes later his squad car was damaged and his eyes were burned. Doctors said later the burns could have been caused by a bright flash of light.

Brekke said Friday preliminary results of infrared photographs taken later in the area indicate a 2 1/2-mile path from where Johnson says he first spotted the object to the point of impact.

Laboratory experts said it appeared that chlorophyll in the vegetation was stimulated, as if by a super-bright light.

Meanwhile, researchers at Honeywell Laboratory in Minneapolis continue to test fragments of glass from the squad car and two antennas bent during the incident. Brekke said he expects to meet with Honeywell officials this week to discuss their findings.

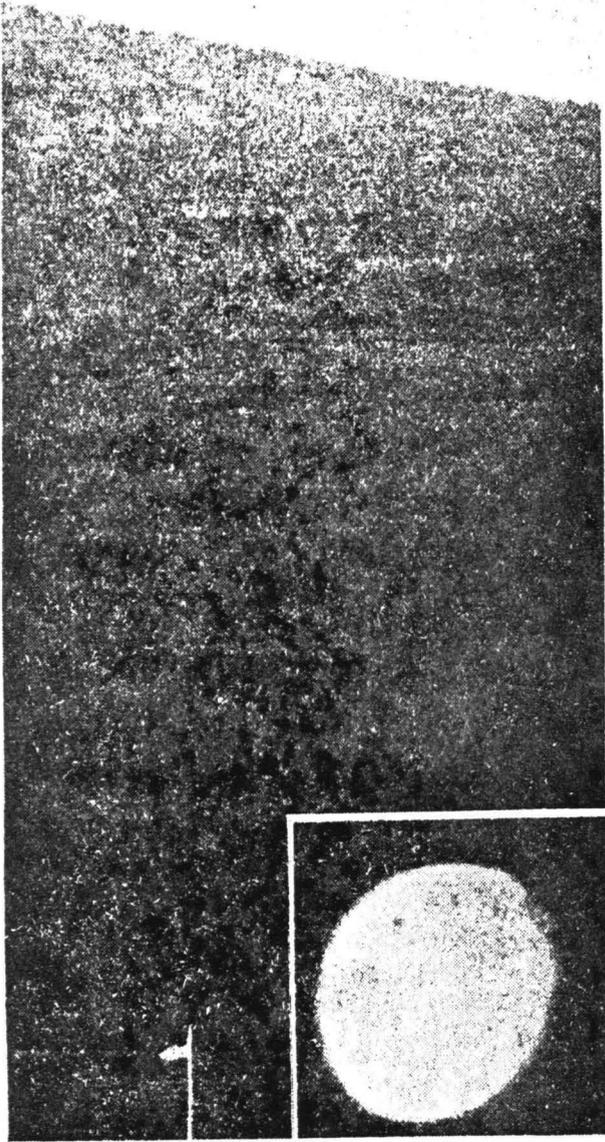
Brekke has calculated the incident occurred about 1:40 a.m. It was 2:19 a.m. when Johnson called for help. His watch and an electric clock in the patrol car stopped for 14 minutes during that period.

The case sparked the interest of Al Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, who flew to Warren from his headquarters in Evanston, Ill.

"A truly anomalous case," Hendry said after his investigation. "We receive about 1,000 tips of UFOs a year. We investigate by phone the most interesting ones. But in the event of a case like this, where damage is involved, it's worth going out to see."

Tests indicate bright light at sight of 'close encounter'

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NO ONE IS SURE what the bright light is in upper portion of this photo (and shown in closeup). But repeated sightings of similar objects have had Hillsborough area people talking for some time. This photo was taken at Craney Hill, Henniker, in July 1977 by Robert Giglio who had it examined by Itek Corporation of Bedford, Mass. A former Itek official who examined the photo with a Zeiss photomicrographic camera said the light source couldn't be identified but measured between seven and nine feet in diameter. He also said the original photo could not have been duplicated or faked.

UFOs Back in the News In Hillsborough County

By JOHN SMITH

Union Leader Correspondent
HILLSBOROUGH -- "They may not believe me," said Mrs. Mary Ingalls. "They may think I'm crazy, but I saw a flying saucer!"
 Mrs. Ingalls is not alone in her belief she has seen a flying saucer, or more appropriately an unidentified flying object (UFO). In the past decade there have been scores of reports and/or rumors of UFO sightings in the skies over the Hillsborough area -- sightings by people in all walks of life from housekeepers like Mrs. Ingalls to businessmen, students, and police officers.
 If there had not been such a large number of reported sightings spanning many years, the strange lights area residents claim to have seen could be dismissed as an elaborate hoax or a form of mass hysteria. But, so persistent have been the reports that such explanations seem inadequate.
 Virtually all the sightings have gone unreported to local authorities. Former Hillsborough Police Chief Paul Cronin, who now heads the Seabrook police department, said recently that during his years in Hillsborough only a couple of sightings were ever reported to his department.

Instead, the sightings were only discussed quietly among those who had actually seen the lights. It

wasn't until Hillsborough resident Robert Giglio witnessed the lights in the sky that people, at Giglio's urging, came forward with information.

Light on Side of Craney Hill

Giglio was told by his daughter on July night in 1977 about a light seen on the side of Craney Hill in Henniker. Giglio, accompanied by his daughter and two members of the Hillsborough Police Department, Sgt. Pete Cate and Officer Tom Bourque, went to investigate at 2:30 a.m.

"When we went back down, sure enough, it was there on the hillside," Giglio said.

A photographer, Giglio said he took about two dozen black and white photos, then returned to the area around dawn and took nearly 100 more pictures. Last fall Giglio took his film to Itek Corp. in Bedford, Mass., for analysis. The firm's Image Analysis Group, which performs photographic interpretation for many clients including the U.S. government, examined Giglio's pictures using the company's sophisticated equipment.

A high-ranking company official who took part in the analysis last October said last week that technicians were unable to determine just what the light was, but he did say that there definitely was some-

thing there recorded on film. The official, who is no longer with Itek, said further that the Itek team was able to determine that the object was between seven and ten feet in diameter and had an even luminosity that is it did not have any "hot spots" but rather the light appeared to emanate from the entire object with the same intensity.

Although Itek did not say the object was a UFO, the results of the analysis were enough to prompt Giglio to further investigation.

People Begin To Talk

"From then on I became a night person," said Giglio. "Asking more questions in the (Hillsborough) area, I began to locate people who had seen similar lights. I gained their confidence. They had never said anything (before) because they were afraid of their credibility."

Although details of the individual sightings vary slightly from person to person, several similarities have emerged. Most report seeing a cigar-shaped bright object with exterior lights, like running lights. The objects do not make any noise and appear to float or hover in the sky. When moving, the objects can either move slowly or at tremendous rates of speed and can change direction in a split second.

Giglio's willingness to listen, and believe, has led people to describe sightings to him without fear of being held up to public ridicule. One who has discussed a sighting with Giglio is Deering Police Chief Willard Campbell.

It was a frigid 19 degrees when Campbell was called out at 6 a.m. in January, 1976, by tenants at Ox-bow Campground. The tenants reported seeing strange lights in the vicinity of Clement Hill. Upon arriving, Campbell also saw the lights, which he described as two sets of four lights, near the old Duval gravel pit.

Police Chief Checks

He said he set out for the gravel pit, first in his car, then on foot but waist-deep snow prevented him from reaching the area. When he returned to the campground he saw the lights move horizontally and out of sight. He said he returned to the gravel pit later that day on snowshoes but could not find any tracks in the snow to indicate that a vehicle had been there earlier. He concluded that the objects must have hovered over the ground, then move off through a ravine adjacent to the pit.

He described the sets of lights as saucer-shaped, "just as if you took two plates and put one upside down over the other and put them together." Campbell does not feel the lights were on a helicopter or airplane.

There Was Something There

"There was something that was actually there and nobody can tell me it wasn't!" Campbell said. "It was something we could not identify. It was not an aircraft of any sort that I'm familiar with."

George Hill of Hillsborough agrees with Campbell. Hill said he saw an object in the sky, round with lights on its exterior, while traveling on Route 31 last year around 2 a.m. In Hill's words, "the raft was (moving) too erratic to be an aircraft in the conventional sense."

Hill once worked as an army cryptographic expert in the Pentagon, and was school superintendent in Pearl River, New York, before moving to Hillsborough. Most recently he served as custodian at the Washington School and had occasion to drive Route 31 during the early morning hours on a regular basis. He said he has seen strange lights several times, including once when an object hovered over a swamp beside the road earlier this year. He said on this occasion a hatch opened and what appeared like a child's slide protruded from the object.

Hill was talking on his CB radio at the time of this sighting and was momentarily distracted while the slide was extended. He is unable to say if anything came down or went up the slide. He can say he was definitely terrified by the incident.

'As If My Body Was Frozen'

"I went to get back (in my truck) and it was as if my body was frozen," said Hill. "I had no feeling in my feet or arms. It wasn't anything extraordinary other than just plain fear. I was sweating; I began to get very nervous. I had one dread in my mind—that my truck would not start. I kept saying to myself 'Why did I ever stop this truck!' because I have a dead spot (on the starter)."

Hill's sighting is undoubtedly the most dramatic reported, and most who have seen the objects have not had as close an encounter. One who has is Washington storekeeper James Gaskell. Gaskell, while driving along Route 31 with his son and daughter one evening three years ago, said he saw a large object.

"We noticed what we thought was a dirigible coming over C.J. Nelson's in what we call Windsor Flats," said Gaskell. "It was coming very slowly and it had rows of lights on it. It slowed down as it crossed the road in front of us at a very low altitude. It was hardly larger (higher) than the tallest trees."

Gaskell described the object as about 25 feet long and like "a dirigible without the gondola." He said it hovered for a few minutes then left at a high rate of speed.

'No Noise, No Anything'

"When it left, it left without a sound at a tremendous rate of speed. No noise, no wind, no anything. What amazed me was how fast it disappeared. When it decided to move it was just so fast. I've never seen anything like it," he said.

Gaskell reported seeing lights as far back as eight years ago but none were at as close a distance as that night with his two children. His son, now 15, said the object was close enough to "hit with a stone."

Other sightings were from a greater distance with people describing the objects as larger than a star but smaller than the moon.

Henniker jeweler Marshall Rowe said he and about 30-35 townspeople and students from New England College saw a craft hover for about 15 minutes over the Contoocook River in 1976. The object moved slowly out of sight, Rowe said.

"Most of us thought it was a UFO but (we have) no proof," the jeweler said.

Mrs. Linda Pettibone of Hillsborough said an object paced her one night three years ago while she was driving along Route 31. When she stopped her vehicle, the object also appeared to stop then took off at high speed.

"The object stopped with me and for a fraction of a second we sort of just stood there looking at each other. Then it took off at a right angle away from me. That was it. It just traveled at a very fast rate of speed . . . and all of a sudden it was gone in a split second," Mrs. Pettibone said.

Madaline Putnam, 66, of Hillsborough reported seeing an object over her neighbor's house. The object, shaped like a football, glowed yellow orange, and hovered for about five minutes for leaving at high speed.

"The object hovered and swung in the air, swaying back and forth like a pendulum on a cord," she said. "When it went, it went so rapidly it was like you turned out an electric light bulb. I never saw anything like it before."

Few who have reported sightings, outside of Hill, said they were afraid. In one instance, however, animals became very agitated.

Electrified Cat

"I had put my cat out but, as usual he never wants to stay out all night long so about 12:30 a.m. he was meowing to come in," said Mrs. Patricia Marcaurrelle of Hillsborough. "I had gotten up to come downstairs to let him in. When I opened the door he came in in such a rush and he looked as if he'd been electrified with a bushy tail, as if something had been chasing him."

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The dog was trying to get in, and the horses that were standing in the barn yard were extremely restless for that time of night.

She said that when she was returning to bed she noticed a large, white glowing object about the size of a basketball through a window. The object moved in spurts over Lovell's Mountain and disappeared.

Practical Explanation?

"Dr. Einstein stated he would not work for any national government. In my opinion there is sufficient evidence to show that a group of pacifists in the area of Hillsborough, Washington, Deering, and Windsor have the capabilities, such as financial resources and engineering know-how, to develop such a craft propulsion system." Giglio, for one, has what he feels is a more practical explanation of what the lights are.

"After three years of investigating, I have come to the conclusion that these objects are not from outer space," said Giglio. "Furthermore I don't believe that they are from any government. I'm inclined to believe that these objects have been designed and are controlled by walking, talking people like you and me."

Giglio feels the lights in the sky come from crafts powered by a new means of propulsion based on anti-gravitational forces.

"These objects, according to eyewitnesses, make no noise, appear to hover at will, and can move at great speeds," he said. "This gives all the indications of a breakthrough by some person or group working on anti-gravity propulsion."

"The military applications of the new means of propulsion would be enormous," he continued.

UFO Scene

By Walt Greenawald, UFO Researcher



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On July 25 of this year, Shari N. of Canoga Park experienced a UFO event she will never forget.

What started out for her as a mundane close-up nocturnal light now appears to have been an abduction of this young woman by alien creatures from a UFO.

This conclusion, based on one regressive hypnosis session conducted by Dr. Ira Greenburg, Brentwood, yielded details not too unlike other reported abductions.

In order to retrieve all the details locked up in Shari's subconscious, and there are undoubtedly more startling pieces of information, more sessions are in order. At the present, all we have are vague details of a slimy robot that poked at her during an examination of some sort.

Shari is to be commended for her approach to her life-shaking event which encompasses the attitude of "whatever has happened to me, I want to know about, good or bad." This is the first time that I have met an individual with this objective and somewhat noble attitude. No others have been this cooperative.

Some of Shari's descriptive terms under hypnosis -- why did you get out of the car? "To see if the plane was going to crash." How did

you enter the UFO? "Not sure, can't see behind the lights. Went up in that thing." We don't know how she entered or why.

Describing the "thing" which apparently examined her on a metal table as small head, no shoulders, slimy, no nose, no mouth.

"Intelligent, it thinks. Seems to be electronic in nature." When it touched her on the shoulder, she felt an electric shock. While she was strapped to the table her back hurt. Shari apparently slapped at the creature (she was restrained across the chest with her hands free) and at this point she got the impression that she startled it. Here, she laughed, remarking, "I could hurt it if I wanted to." She exhibited fear, cringing when she described how the "thing" touched her with three fingered extremities.

Other creatures were noted in the background, but before we were able to gather any details, Greenburg thought it best to bring Shari out of her trance. Greenburg offered the opinion that Shari had undergone a unique experience which she believed to be true.

In the process of comparing some of Shari's descriptive terms with those in the "Proceedings of The 1976 Cufos Conference" (Center

for UFO Studies, Hynek) "Analysis of Humanoid/Abduction Reports" by David Webb, I noted corroboration with many of the 50 other cases researched. Webb researched 50 other similar events in detail.

The public is aware of perhaps three supposed abductions and can rarely associate names with the sensationalized ones. Hopefully, if more funding is made available, additional effort will be expended on this particular case.

Be reminded that three other witnesses, the Childers family, across Chatsworth Reservoir, saw a low hovering UFO in the same time frame and in the proper direction.

Webb states "Abductions, a bold form of entity behavior, have apparently been on the increase. Over half of the known abduction cases have occurred since 1970. Recurring features include such physical characteristics of the humanoids as slanted eyes, small stature, small noses and ears and a mouth slit.

On-board medical examinations, induced amnesia, intelligible communication, paralysis of the witness and an alarming number of cases of reported abductions from which the witness has not returned, are also common features."

UFO Scene

By Walt Greenawald, UFO Researcher



The early years of the UFO phenomena were full of reports of UFO sightings from commercial airliners.

Now, it appears that reporting of these elusive craft from airliners has gone out of vogue. One may wonder why, as in all probability UFOs are still seen, but pilots may refrain from talking about them because of the bad reputation one may incur in talking about this subject.

The following will illustrate my point. The year was Feb. 24, 1959 at 8:20 p.m. over central Pennsylvania. The pilot in command, Capt. Peter W. Killian, noted three brightly lit moving objects pacing his DC-6. Killian advised all on board of what was happening, just in case there was a panic. One male passenger got upset and had to be calmed by Killian personally. He radioed to nearby airliners as to what was happening, requesting that they keep a lookout.

Before it was all over, six other crews reported seeing the unusual aerial light display in the same general area. When he landed, Killian, on being interviewed by the press, maintained that what he saw were not conventional aircraft.

When he received national notoriety, the Air Force countered by concluding that he had merely observed the constellation Orion and also intimated that he may not have been sober at the time.

The controversy raged. Killian would not back down, stating publicly that he did not buy the Air Force explanation. The Air Force then changed its mind and offered that Killian probably was confused over an aerial refueling operation in the area.

The battle reached epidemic proportions as Donald M. Keyhoe, head of a civilian UFO research organization, tried to get Killian to speak before high governmental officials.

Congressman Friedel of Maryland stated that he would "guarantee Killian's day in court" but it never happened. Someone effectively muzzled Killian and probably even Friedel, as the pilot never publicly mentioned the incident again.

Perhaps from this tale, you can understand why airline pilots won't talk about their UFO sightings. There is too much at stake. The high paying jobs and bad publicity for the airline.

I conducted my own poll of

airline pilots several years ago. I expect that airline pilots with their superior eyesight, excellent vantage point and a reputation for remaining cool under stressful situations, might be interesting people to evaluate in regard to the UFO business.

It turns out from this anonymous poll that airline pilots see more than twice the UFOs than us average folks see. The group polled were the more senior ones and had an average of 16,000 flying hours per pilot, a lot of time in the air. These pilots were not well read on the subject, but they did shoot the bull about UFOs.

Another interesting fact is that 35 percent said they had heard of a UFO sighting by one of their colleagues. This is much higher than the 20.8 percent UFO sightings by the pilots. More trivia, 74 percent of these flyers had college educations. 64 percent thought that the U.S. government should openly study the UFO phenomena.

The pilots who had not seen a UFO were considerably more skeptical of UFO reality than the average man in the street. Seemingly, almost a professional jealousy. I questioned them at length as to what the knew about

UFOs. It turned out that very few had even read a credible book on the subject, strange when you consider that here is a phenomena seen in the airline pilots' domain by a large percentage of their peers.

If I were a pilot I would want to be well read on UFOs regardless of the fact that I might know the exact explanation. I would want to be well aware of typical UFO characteristics and what to expect in the average situation.

The "National Enquirer" also did a short study on airline pilots in about the same time frame (1977) as mine and noted that 11.4 percent had seen a UFO or close to the 11 percent figure generated by a Gallup poll in 1973 for a national average.

The Enquirer poll yielded other opinions from their pilots that 52 percent felt that UFOs were spacecraft from another planet, 30 percent felt that the Defense Department was doing an adequate job of monitoring UFO sightings. I wonder why that question was asked as to my knowledge the U.S. government has maintained from 1969 that they were not interested in UFOs any more.

Woman will tell of kidnapping by UFO, aliens

By ROYAL CALKINS Bee Staff Writer

Judy Kendall gave little thought to unidentified flying objects until she heard her own voice tell what had happened to her on an eerie night back in 1972 when a three-hour trip mysteriously became an eight-hour journey.

Kendall, a secretary for the Yolo County Superior Court, will tell her story of abduction by aliens at 7 o'clock tonight at the University Religious Center, 2311 E. Shaw Ave.

It is a story she did not know herself until a team of researchers used the tool of hypnosis to probe her subconscious five years after what she now believes was an extremely close encounter.

In a telephone interview, Kendall, 35, related the events of Nov. 26, 1972, even though she said, "I have to admit I do get a little tired of repeating it."

The way Kendall tells it, she was driving home to Woodland with two friends after an outing at Bodega Bay. All seemed normal until they crossed Cash Creek Bridge about 10 miles west of Woodland.

"After we crossed the bridge, we kept going and going and going, and we didn't seem to be getting anywhere," she recalled. "We should have gotten to our turnout in 10 minutes, but we didn't."

"We could see the foothills going by, but we weren't getting anywhere."

Kendall said she and her friends, who refuse to publicly discuss the odd evening, were becoming increasingly confused and alarmed when suddenly their car was back at the Cash Creek Bridge.

After crossing the bridge the second time, she said, they were able to drive straight home. They checked the clock and found it was past midnight. Their expected arrival time had been 8:30 p.m., she said.

Kendall said she checked a road map and determined there was no way she could have backtracked or driven in a circle.

"I'd been on that road since I was a little girl. I knew the area like the back of my hand," she said.

Kendall said she remained puzzled but largely put the event out of her mind for five years. Her interest was renewed, however, when she spotted a UFO near the community of Yolo. She said the sighting was the typical UFO sighting -- hovering disc-shaped spacecraft, bright lights, etc. -- but it was enough to prompt her to call the Mutual UFO Network office in Chicago.

She said she told Dr. J. Allen Hynek of the UFO research organization of her more recent encounter and the 1972 incident. He was so intrigued that he flew to California and arranged for a session of hypnosis in November 1977.

Kendall said that after the session, she heard herself on tape give details of that night five years earlier.

What she learned, she said, was that she and her friends had been taken aboard an alien craft. On tape, she said she had been placed on a table and physically examined by three distinct types of aliens.

One, she said, was human-like, but there was a group of creatures who seemed to be wearing gas masks or something similar.

"And then there was one I nicknamed the witch doctor," Kendall said. "He was huge looking and he had a large bulbous-type head and grasshopper-type eyes and no ears. There were holes on the side of his head. He had a small nose and I couldn't see much of a mouth."

"The only thing he said to me was, 'It will be OK.'"

Kendall said Hynek and the other researchers speculated the aliens swooped her and her friends into their craft, put them under hypnosis to erase their memories of the incident, and returned them to the bridge.

She said she will play the recording of her session with Hynek during her talk tonight, which is sponsored by the Aware Center.

Kendall said she has not been surprised that not everyone believes her story, she had a hard time believing the four-hour travel gap herself. But, she said, "With everything that came out through hypnosis, it's made me believe definitely that it did happen."



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Hoping the UFO will return

Housewife Audrey Sollars is still hoping the UFO which passed over her Brimscombe house two weeks ago will return — just to prove to husband Lesley she hasn't been on the home-made wine.

"I have had my leg unmercilessly pulled by the family for a fortnight," said 60-year-old Mrs. Sollars on Monday.

Now she is keeping a watchful eye towards the sky every night to see if the unusual lights return.

She called her husband the night she spotted the two yellow-white lights hovering over her house at Broadberry but they had gone when he came to look.

"They seemed to be revolving, moving slowly from the Cirencester direction and making no sound at all, although they were quite low."

"They were too slow for a plane and there were no stars out. I thought it was a glider, but Lesley said they don't go up at night." Mrs. Sollars, who walks the family dog every evening, has always been interested in the formation of the stars. But now her interest is keener in the effort to prove she hasn't been imagining things.

UFO STOPS EDNA IN HER TRACKS

A MYSTERY object in the sky stopped Barnoldswick councillor Mrs Edna Craston in her tracks as she was hanging out the washing today.

For three, drifting across the wide blue sky, was a silver bullet-shaped object. It had no wings and made no noise.

She said: "It was all rather peculiar. I have seen it before, but this time it was much clearer. It was flying, at about the same height as airliners do but, although it was very quiet, I couldn't hear any noise coming from it."

"There was no evidence of windows, wings or a tail. It was just a sleek shape, blunted at the back end and with a long streamlined nose. The only way I could describe it is looking like a sleek version of the old airships."

"I couldn't believe my eyes. I followed it right across the sky until it disappeared. There was no vapour trail, and the whole thing was very strange."

Mrs Craston lives in Foresters Buildings, Barnoldswick, and works for upholstery firm of Buoyant Ltd.

LANCASHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH, Blackburn, England - Aug. 29, 1979

20 say they saw UFO

AN APPEAL by the Nottingham Flying Saucer Discussion and Research Organisation for witnesses of a reported UFO sighting has produced more than 20 people who claim to have seen the "orange ball" first reported by a Hyson Green schoolgirl.

Mr. Ronald Marriott, of Caledon Road, Sherwood, his wife Grace and two daughters say they were watching television on Thursday when they heard a whining noise. Outside they saw a large round pale orange object circling above.

After ten minutes it moved off in the direction of Mapperley.

Other witnesses include people from the Radford and Hyson Green districts.

Investigators from the organisation are also trying to trace the pilot of a light plane reported in the district at the same time as the UFO sighting.

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England - Sept. 11, 1979

More witnesses claim they saw that UFO

The mystery object reported in the Spalding skies recently was apparently seen by several people in and around the town.

Three more eye witnesses have come forward with similar descriptions to those of the two girls and three boys already reported.

All make the point that the lights on the object gave it a triangular appearance.

But it now appears that the UFO was either around for quite some time or accompanied by another.

Two witnesses report seeing it between 10.30 and 11.30 on the Tuesday night while another saw it around eight o'clock.

Mrs Jenny Bonnett, of Barrier Bank, Cowbit, telephoned the Guardian after reading the report in Tuesday's Free Press.

"My mother and I were at the back door when we saw a bright light shining in the direction of Crowland. It disappeared and I went towards the field to see my lambs when I heard a horrible noise, like a deep humming, above me."

"I looked up and saw three lights in a triangle. One was red and two were white. Whatever it was, was not very high."

Mrs Bonnett saw the object about eight o'clock.

About three hours later Mrs Joyce Pugsley and her husband, Charles, were in bed at their Rose Lane home in Pinchbeck, when they realised there was a light in the sky.

HEADLIGHTS

Mrs Pugsley looked out of the window and described what she saw as something "like a car with its headlights on."

The object was stationary with two large lights and one small, shaped like a triangle. It later moved off between her home and the church.

GUARDIAN, Spalding, England - Sept. 14, 1979

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England - Sept. 8, 1979

Another UFO: Plea for witnesses

A PLEA for further witnesses of yet another UFO sighting in Nottingham has been launched after a report of an "orange ball" over the city on Thursday night.

Caroline Sims, 15, of Brushfield Street, Hyson Green, was in her bedroom at 8.45pm when she claims she saw a dull orange ball flashing and spinning and emitting a whining noise.

Caroline's mother immediately telephoned the Nottingham Flying Saucer

Discussion and Research Organisation and members dashed to Hyson Green but the UFO had moved off in the direction of Mapperley.

Mrs. Jenny Sallis, group secretary, said many people must have witnessed the object and she asks them to phone her on Nottingham 781808.

There has been a spate of UFO sightings in the Nottingham area in the past few weeks. Another Nottingham UFO group was featured in the BBC TV programme "Spare Time" last night.

WESTERN DAILY PRESS, Bristol, England - Sept. 14, 1979

Night of the UFOs at Station Road

By Graham Gardner

MRS GWENT McGregor, of Cheltenham, reckons she may have come face-to-face with spies from outer space.

She spotted four UFOs hovering over her home in Station Road, Woodmancote.

Mrs McGregor, aged 53, her son John and neighbours Mr and Mrs William Webb studied the mysterious glowing shapes in the sky for 20 minutes.

"We looked at them through field glasses. They had green, gold and yellow flashing lights," she told me yesterday.

"My son is a qualified pilot and radio officer and he said the lights could not have been for accepted forms of identification."

Mrs McGregor reported the incident after British UFO Society chairman Mr Ken Rogers, appealed through the Western Daily Press for information on sightings.

Local MP, Mr Richard Body has agreed to study a file on UFO encounters reported in and around South Holland.

The file consists of a number of "sightings" made during the past twelve months.

For some time now, the Free Press has been building up a dossier of mystery object appearances in the area. But it was because those of the past year bear certain similar characteristics as far as descriptions are concerned, that it was decided to approach the MP.

Mr Body has agreed to look at the reports with a view to possible investigation.

During the past few weeks there has been a spate of encounters locally. Eye witness reports filter in every week and the latest reached the Free Press office at the weekend.

CARBON COPY

This time Sutton Bridge residents saw a UFO hover over the River Nene for 15 minutes before growing smaller and disappearing from view.

And the sightings are carbon copy reports of UFOs seen by residents in the Cowbit, Spalding and Pinchbeck area recently.

The Sutton Bridge sighting upset Mrs Georgina Bennett so much that she reported it

to Sutton Bridge police. She also had to take tablets the night of the sighting to help her sleep because she was so distressed.

Mrs Bennett, of 32 Railway Lane, Sutton Bridge, described the UFO as showing a row of orange lights gathered in clusters.

"What I and my husband saw was exactly described by other people in recent newspaper reports," she said.

Mrs Bennett saw the mystery flying object as she walked along Railway Lane with her husband. "He saw it first over the river on the Tydd side of Sutton Bridge," she said.

"It was about 200 to 300 feet up and there was a semi-circle of lights. There was no noise."

"It was a clear night and the object was not moving. It hovered over the river for about 15 minutes."

She said other adults and about six children in Railway Lane also saw it.

Meanwhile an organisation whose aims include the serious investigation of UFO's, is being formed locally.

Entitled Lincolnshire Earth Mysteries Research, it aims to research and investigate any type of paranormal or psychical phenomena.

LINCOLNSHIRE FREE PRESS, Spalding, England - Sept. 18, 1979

MP agrees to study dossier on UFOs



Mrs Georgina Bennett (right) with her sister Tracy (14) and Gary Reaney (10) who say they saw a diamond shape behind a complete circle of lights.

Twins in a close encounter

Studious 14-year-old schoolboy Julian Cobbett and his twin brother Christopher are craning their necks to stare at the stars these nights—hoping to spot again the mysterious UFO they spotted one evening last week.

"It was spectacular," said Julian, rubbing his right eye ruefully. "We were standing in the back garden about twenty-past five when I saw this bright white light in the sky above the treetops to the east. It must have been hovering above Black Hill and I estimated it to be at about 7,000 feet. It seemed to be peering straight at us."

This disc in the sky was so bright that Julian believes it damaged the retina of his right eye because his eye ached for several days afterwards and when he closed his eyes he saw a burning white dot.

"I shouldn't have stared at it so long because a fierce light can damage the retina," he said. "But I was fascinated and I must have

gazed at it for five minutes. We knew it couldn't be a star because it was too early in the evening and it was too bright. And then a really strange thing happened

Julian lives in Summerhill Cottage, Summerhill Lane, Haywards Heath. The large garden is surrounded by trees and shrubs and the sun going down in the west hides behind the tall trees, casting long shadows in the garden and illuminating the sky to the east.

The boys were playing in the garden when Julian saw the bright light in the sky above the trees to the east. It was motionless.

"We knew there was something odd about it," he said. "It was awe-inspiring. I took my eyes away from it for a few seconds and Christopher yelled for me to look. I looked again and the white disc was turning away from us and it became a distinct cigar shaped object with the bright white light at one end and a dimmer light at the other.

"Suddenly it receded rapidly eastwards and then veered north and vanished. It had either gone

behind cloud or it moved so fast it disappeared from sight."

SOMETHING STRANGE

"I have never dreamed of seeing a UFO but that is what I am convinced we saw," said Julian. Christopher drew a sketch of the object they had seen to show their parents.

Their mother, Mrs. Daphne Cobbett, is also convinced the boys spotted something strange.

"At first I thought it may have been a satellite because I have seen them in Africa. But they move across the sky and vanish when they no longer reflect the sun's rays," she said. "Whatever it was the boys saw suddenly

changed direction so it couldn't have been a satellite."

Catherine, the twins' pretty 18-year-old sister, is not inclined to pooh pooh her younger brothers' sighting either.

"I honestly don't believe they would have called the Mid Sussex Times if they had not seen something very odd," she said.

The two boys who saw the phenomenon attend Brighton College and returned last week after the summer holidays. Although they occasionally read science fiction comics they are not serious science fiction fans.

In the near future they will be spending their evenings keeping vigil in the back garden.

DAILY EXPRESS, London, England
Oct. 11, 1979

NEW BOOKS Edited by Peter Gradsvenor

Now... close encounters of the Welsh kind

OF all the mysteries of our time, UFOs — the Unidentified Flying Objects reported periodically by people as diverse as airline pilots, merchant seamen, bird-nesting schoolboys and housewives hanging out the washing—are the most fiercely-discussed.

Self-hypnosis, mass hallucination, meteorological phenomena... the "rational" explanations are many.

But whether you believe in UFOs or not, it's a sobering thought that it need only one UFO story to be true to prove UFOs exist.

So says Randall James Pugh, an experienced UFO case-historian who is co-author of a new book, **THE BYEED ENIGMA** (Faber, £5.95), a record of ufological and other worldly activities in West Wales between 74 and 77. Not entirely between those dates, however, as evidenced by two of Mr Pugh's cases.

Dwarfs

First, "On a fine summer day my eldest sister and myself, with two of our next-door neighbour's children, were in a field near their house when one of us saw a company of what shall I call them?—beings, neither men, women nor children, dancing, more like dwarfs than children."

And second, "It was right up close to the window as if it was looking in. We couldn't see his face—or its face whatever you like to call it—because it had a black visor round it. But there was actually a man in a silver suit standing there. Well, more of a monster, you could call it. It had a glow round the edge of the suit."

The first case was described by Doctor Edward Williams in

Is Celtic insight looking into UFO-land?

By Douglas Orgill

his journal in the year 1757.

The second case was reported by Mrs Pauline Coombes, of Ripperston Farm, in Dyfed, on April 22, 1977.

Inquiries made by Mr Pugh and his co-author P. W. Hilday (who died early this year) have established that 1977 was a bumper year for "sightings."

Among them, a three-lobed flying saucer seen on the ground by a university graduate farm manager near Ripperston on March 26, 1977. And a "silver human being, no eyes or nose," seen by two young children.

"What we are witnessing," Randall James Pugh told me, "is a variation on an old, old elemental theme."

For centuries, sceptics have laughed at folklore—stories of mysterious beasts, goblins, the little people. Now we're going to discover the truth behind the myth.

"I believe certain people — it may be that Celts are peculiarly well-equipped in this respect — are able to trigger off what one can only describe as a mirrored reflection from another dimension."

Pugh has the last word: "Soon the question that will arise will not be so much 'Can such things be?' but rather 'Why are these things here?'"

SUNDAY EXPRESS, London, England - Nov. 11, 1979 CR: N. Oliver

Forester 'attacked by visitors from space'

AN AREA of Scottish grassland was sealed off on the advice of police yesterday after a forestry worker claimed he was attacked there by creatures from space.

Experts in the field of unidentified flying objects rushed to the site at Livingston, West Lothian, to examine imprints on the ground.

Last night a police spokesman said: "It's all very strange. There are indentations on the ground as if made by the legs of some machine. But there are no marks leading to the spot, which is in quite a secluded area."

Mr Bob Taylor, a 50-year-old forestry foreman says he was assaulted by two creatures who tried to pull him into their spacecraft.

It happened early on Friday morning when Mr Taylor was working alone on Dechmont Hill, near the M8 Glasgow-Edinburgh motorway.

His boss Mr Malcolm Drummond said: "Bob Taylor is not a man to make something up. If he says he was attacked by some creatures then there must have been something there. And the indentations on the ground bear this out."

Mr Taylor and his wife Mary were last night visiting relatives in England.

"Bob was shocked and upset by the incident," said Mr Drummond, who is head of the Livingston Development Corporation forestry department.

"But he had arranged some time ago to make this trip and he thought he would go ahead with it despite what had happened, as it would allow him to get away from all the publicity."

'Sensible'

Neighbours of Mr Taylor, of Broomyknowe Drive, Livingston Station backed up Mr Drummond's description of Mr Taylor as a "sensible straightforward man."

Mr Taylor said that as he reached a clearing on the hill he was faced with a silver-coloured spacecraft. Suddenly, two creatures shaped like wheels with arms peeled off from the craft and slowly approached him.

They grabbed him by the sides of his trousers and tore them, leaving scratch marks on his thighs. At this point Mr Taylor fainted.

"But he said he had the sensation of being dragged towards the craft."

Later, investigations revealed two small trailmarks which could have been made by the feet of someone being dragged.

Mr Taylor also remembers a strong chemical smell and his red setter, normally a placid creature, barking furiously.

When he came round he was dazed and shocked and the creatures and their craft had gone.

All that remained were a dozen or so deep triangular marks in the ground. There were also two parallel caterpillar tracks on the same spot. But there were no scorch marks, only flattened grass.

After the incident Mr Taylor, a father of seven grown-up children, crawled several hundreds yards back to his van. But after reversing it he felt unable to drive and the vehicle was stuck in the mud.

Later police found the van with the engine still running and the radiomicrophone lying on the floor.

Mr Taylor, still dazed, walked the mile-and-a-half to his home before contacting Mr Drummond.

Although there were no witnesses to the events on Dechmont Hill, a 72-year-old Glasgow woman yesterday came forward with claims of a sighting which could add substance to Mr Taylor's story.

Mrs Mary Hunter, of Drumlandrick Avenue, Easterhouse, who lives opposite a large field, said she noticed a pale white ball-shaped object in the sky on Friday afternoon.

"I called a neighbour and we watched it for some time," she said. "I am sure I saw it split up in half and then come together again."

"Then suddenly it just vanished. There was no flickering or anything. It was something I had not seen before. I don't drink. So I wasn't seeing things."

Mr Stuart Campbell, a member of the British UFO Research Association, said:

"I found parallel lines on the site described by Mr Taylor. "Also there were marks of a circular design and a series of holes in a pattern round the tracks."

"What I saw could have been caused by a space craft. But there could, of course, be another explanation, such as a bolt of ball lightning."

SEPT. 21, 1979
EVENING POST, Nottingham, England

More UFO sightings

The Nottingham Flying Saucer Discussion and Research Organisation have just received reports of a UFO sighting in Radford, bringing their total of sightings this month to six.

During last night's sighting a mother and daughter watched for a few minutes two small black objects over the Wollaton-Bilborough area which later moved off in a westerly direction, said an organisation spokesman.

One of the objects hovered and then made a circle, while the other went behind a cloud and then reappeared as a bright light.

SEPT. 23, 1979
SUNDAY STANDARD, Vijayawak, India

UFOs sighted in China

HONG KONG, Sept. 22 (AP) — A Peking newspaper has belatedly reported sightings of unidentified flying objects over China, China's domestic news agency reports.

The report, quoting the yesterday issue of Guangming (Kwang Ming) daily, said the first sighting was reported by a high school student over Hubei (Hupei) province in central China one evening in 1977.

The report, seen in Hong Kong today, said the student reported the sighting to anthropologist Yuen Zhanxin who was working in the province.

Mr. Yuen, according to the report, told the daily that the student and other witnesses described the object as a basin-size round object, beaming with yellow and white lights and moving slowly in a circular route. The object remained in view for about one minute.

The report said sightings of UFO had also been reported "collectively" by troops in Hobei (Hopel) province in north China and inner Mongolia.

It did not mention the dates but described the object over Hobei as a "moon-like ball surrounded by four-like gases."

The report said the object "spurring jets of gases rose high in the sky for a few seconds. It rose higher spurring jets of gases again and disappeared after a few seconds."

Malaysia also has its own sightings...

LATEST.....

UFO fever continued to spread in Bukit Mertajam and one was reportedly sighted in a remote estate 17 miles from Kulim. Two men and four schoolboys claimed to have encountered a "spaceship" near a cowshed.

They said: "We were playing near the cowshed when we saw the object gliding over the field emitting a strange sound." The object settled on the ground some distance away. When they stared at the "spaceship," they felt a sharp pain in their eyes.

The object then seemed to gravitate towards them at great speed, whereupon they screamed and ran. Their cries attracted the attention of rubber tappers S. Periakana and A. Muniandy who were nearby and who rushed to the scene. They too saw the object.

WITH all the UFO sightings going on all over the world, some Malaysians are also getting into the act. Last year an identified flying object was reportedly seen in Butterworth by an RAAF serviceman. To substantiate his claim he said he had taken two photographs of the sighting.

The press was told that, as he was coming out of a supermarket, he saw a round silvery object in the sky at about 6.15pm. He described the object as "glowing bright orange in colour" and it had several portholes. The object was shaped like a flying saucer.

He took twelve pictures but when the film was developed only two shots came out. According to him, the photographs were taken when the UFO was hovering in the sky for nearly 20 minutes near the Town Council soccer field before it disappeared.

When contacted, the RAAF said it would conduct a thorough investigation into the reported sighting of the UFO for more accurate data on the mysterious object. So far nothing has been heard of the probe.

Last April, again in Butterworth, villagers of Kampung Pertama reported sighting UFOs over their padi fields for five nights. One of the villagers, Cik Sharaby Ahmad, said she saw a strange brightly

lit object descending from the sky "like an evening star" onto the sawah at about 7pm. It had been hovering over the fields at night.

Cik Sharaby who lived behind the padi fields said villagers were puzzled by the sightings. A local newsmen also reported in his newspaper that he also saw a strange light.

"The light split into two, moved around, and then came together again. It disappeared after 15 minutes," the published report said. But he could not be certain whether it was an UFO as the light was quite far away."

Cik Sharaby went on to say that "we have been living here for years and there have never been any such light behind our homes. The light is orange in colour and it was quite glaring at times."

More bizarre were the close encounters of the third kind reportedly made by a number of Bukit Mertajam school children. "Spacemen" were seen by the boys of Stowell School in the belukar nearby. A total of "39 spaceships and 31 spacemen" were sighted.

Ten-year old K. Wigneswaran spotted one "spaceman" three inches high sporting horns as he emerged from his spaceship. He had four companions who wore yellow and blue uniforms. They were said to be armed with miniature space blasters.

One of them shot at Wigneswaran when the boy tried to capture him. To

prove his point, he showed a small red spot on his right leg. He fainted after the attack and was taken to his classroom. He was found by prefects after he fell in the belukar.

It was the very same Wigneswaran who reported seeing 25 tiny men stepping out of an equal number of space ships at the same spot on another occasion, but just as he was moving in for a better look the school bell rang.

Another boy, T. Veerasingham, 10, and his friend, A. Devaraj, 12, after class went to a spot in the belukar where a space ship was reported to have landed. They said they saw two small figures one perched on a branch and the other lazing on a rock. When the boys tried to capture them, they simply vanished.

Veerasingham who tried to grab the one on the tree branch said he was about "three inches high and wore a yellow suit and had only one arm."

Another casualty of the "invasion" was Mohamed Ariffin bin Mokhtar, whose father, police corporal Mokhtar, said: "When he returned home at 6.30 last night, he told my wife and me he had seen two tiny spacemen in the belukar outside the school fence. When he tried to catch them, one shot him. He had a smallcut on his left hand and my wife treated the wound."

Six other pupils of the school also reported seeing the tiny spacemen which

they said, landed from a blue flying saucer.

The headmaster of the school, Mr. Ooi Keat Guan, said he questioned the boys and all insisted that they had actually seen the spacemen. "I don't know what to think. Frankly, I don't believe them. They might have seen some leaves or insects moving and mistaken them for tiny spacemen."

Are UFOs real? Mr. W.F. Chong, accounts clerk, was not so sure. "It is very hard for me to believe in UFOs. The subject is vague. But if by chance such a thing is proven, then I'd accept it."

Mr. Depew, an American tourist, was sceptical. "I do not doubt the possibility that they may exist, but sometimes our senses cannot be relied on."

Miss Jocelyn Tan, a student was quite sure about the whole thing. "I don't believe it. All the sightings are nothing but the imagination of those who said they saw them and others are out for some publicity."

However, Liang Mui Yin, another student, thinks differently. "To me it's true because there is so much evidence. I concede that the photos and sightings might have been meteors, planets etc., but it doesn't mean that UFOs don't exist. There may be aliens from other planets trying to contact or maybe attack us."

Real or not, there is no doubt that people will continue to see UFOs in the course of time.

CHESUNT & WALTHAM TELEGRAPH, England Oct. 19, 1979 CR: D. Goring

UFO gives angler goose pimples . . .

A 41-YEAR-OLD Upshire man had "one of the most frightening experiences" of his life early on Sunday morning.

He was on his way to do some fishing in the River Lea — around 7.30 a.m. — when he saw an object on the skyline over Waltham Abbey.

The man, who at present wishes to remain anonymous because he fears public ridicule, said the "thing" sped towards him after he had stopped his car.

He explained: "It seemed to halt above me, hovered, and slowly descended. I never felt so frightened in all my life. I came out in goose pimples and I felt dizzy.

DISAPPEARED

"Suddenly, something else shot out from it, smaller in size but with a shriller sound. Then both objects just disappeared."

Although he was shaken by his close encounter, he

carried on with his day's fishing.

When he returned home that evening, he told his wife and two daughters about his experience.

"I think they were a little sceptical about the whole thing," he said.

Now he wants anybody else who saw the object to contact him through the Telegraph.

SUPPORT

"Then perhaps I could send a report into the British UFO Society. But I don't want to make my name public until I've got some corroborative support from other witnesses," he said.

He added: "I don't really believe in flying saucers, but what I saw was certainly out of the ordinary."

A spokesman for Waltham Abbey police said on Wednesday that they had not received any reports of UFO sightings on Sunday morning.

HERTFORDSHIRE MERCURY, England - Oct. 26, 1979 CR: D. Goring

Strange objects are spotted in the sky

TWO large flickering objects — the latest in a series of UFO sightings in the Hertford area — were spotted in the sky at Sele Farm last Thursday.

Mr John Wright was outside his house at 48 Windsor Drive when he saw the objects and rushed indoors to call his wife, Janet.

She said, "One of the objects was orange and green, and it had some lights on it that were flickering. It was larger than the other one, which was white."

The UFOs were about a quarter-of-a-mile apart, and Mrs Wright said they hovered in the sky for about an hour.

A month ago, she spotted a similar UFO. "They definitely were not aeroplanes," she said.

The previous Sunday, a object with a blue ring round it was seen over Little Hadham by a 53-year-old truck driver, Mr Earhart

Wolfsdorf.

Mr Wolfsdorf was walking to his home at High Bank at about 7.55 pm when he saw the object in the sky. He called his wife Martha, and some neighbours, and they watched it for about five minutes.

"There was a hissing noise and then it shot off like a bullet in the direction of Stansted," he said, "I was very surprised."

It was the third time he had seen such an object — twice last year between 12.50 and 1.15 am he saw an identical UFO, and it followed a similar route.

A spokesman for Bishop's Stortford police said a check with Stansted Airport usually revealed the objects were aircraft.

At Stansted Airport this week an official said they occasionally had inquiries following reports to local police. On the Sunday, five minutes before the claimed sighting, a scheduled aircraft did land at the airport.

FOOTNOTE: Anyone

with information about UFO sightings in the Hertford area could contact PC Tony Faulkner at Hertford Police Station (Hertford 57711), who will pass the information on to the British UFO Research Association.

EVENING COURIER, Halifax, England - Oct. 15, 1979

Another sighting of sparks in sky

ANOTHER reported sighting of a red coloured sparking object in the sky on Friday morning has been received by the "Courier."

Mrs Sheila Crowther spotted the suspected UFO while she was having breakfast at 7.30 am on Friday.

She ran upstairs with her husband Mr Donald Crowther and 12-year-old daughter Ruth to get a better view.

"There was a gap in the clouds and we saw a round ball shape with holes in the side. It looked like a golf ball and there were sparks coming from the holes," said Mrs Crowther of 1, Warley Dean, Warley, Halifax.

"We got the binoculars out so we had a good view of it," said Mrs Crowther.

She said it moved away quickly towards the Ainleys, Elland.

"We are positive it wasn't a reflection of the sun or anything like that because we could see it clearly through the binoculars," said Mrs Crowther.

UFO expert Mr Trevor Whitaker of Well Head, Halifax, said he had spoken to four people since an article appeared in Saturday's "Courier" and all gave different descriptions.

"Nearly all the people agree about the sparks but there are disagreements over the direction it went," said Mr Whitaker. He said his initial theory that the sighting was of a reflection from the sun was not acceptable and he was puzzled about the sparking.

He added he still had to check on any aircraft activity in the area.

Red Flying Objects Chased Plane: Pilot

Las Palmas, Canary Islands (UPI) — The pilot of a Spanish jetliner that made an emergency landing after being "pursued" over the Mediterranean island of Ibiza said Wednesday he was forced to dive 14,000 feet to avoid collision with unidentified flying objects.

The Spanish transport ministry opened an official investigation into the Caravelle jet's emergency landing at Valencia airport in eastern Spain.

The plane, carrying 109 passengers, mostly German and Austrian tourists,

was on a flight from Mallorca to Tenerife in the Spanish Canary Islands when bright red flying objects appeared to buzz it Sunday.

PILOT FRANCISCO Lerdo de Tejado said he asked permission to land in Valencia "because my plane was in danger of colliding with an unidentified object."

Technicians said the plane was in perfect working order.

Lerdo said he was climbing from 23,000 to 33,000 feet shortly before mid-

night Sunday when he saw "two parallel red lights so strong that they hid their ship, or whatever it was, from sight."

"They were on a collision course with us, traveling at a speed no conventional aircraft has, when they suddenly stopped very close to the Caravelle."

OTHER MEMBERS of the crew confirmed his description of the encounter. Lerdo said the objects "played with us for some 10 minutes" as the nearest control tower reported the objects did not

show up on its radar.

When the objects appeared to start on a second collision course "much more precise than the first," Lerdo said he dove from 29,000 to 15,000 feet and radioed for permission to land at Valencia's Manises airport "because of pursuit by an unidentified plane with risk of collision."

Sources at Valencia airport said the red lights could be seen around and over the airport until several hours after the plane's landing.

TRANSLATIONS — Credit: Jane Thomas

City and country of incident: Burzaco, Buenos Aires province, Argentina
Date of incident: September 17, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept. 20, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO IN BURZACO!

Father and son witnesses to the "show"

A new event has just added to the already extensive and debated subject of UFOs, more commonly known as "flying saucers".

This time the objects, extraterrestrial or not, were sighted by Angel Cópola, Argentine, 50, and his son Fabricio Maximiliano, of Alem 735 of the city of Burzaco, in the Buenos Aires province.

Cópola is the owner of a kiosk and sells papers and magazines in the (Burzaco) station of the Roca Railway, and his son, 9, goes to the local School No. 3.

On Monday, approx. at 04.20 pm, while both were at home doing some work in the back yard, Cópola looked upwards to see a helicopter flying overhead, as he says, and his excitement grows as he unfolds his story.

Quite a stretch above the helicopter he thought he saw two strange objects, a perception that grew more clear and precise each moment.

One of these objects had a circular shape and was silvery, while the second was rectangular or cylindrical, something he cannot define due to the perspective.

While the circular object oscillated from side to side, like a pendulum, the other followed a smooth course towards the North.

In view of what he was seeing, Cópola asked his son to look in the same direction and tell him if he saw something unusual. The boy at first saw nothing, but then located and perfectly described the objects to his father.

Both followed the trajectory of the objects for some 4 or 5 minutes. The rectangular or cylindrical object was black or dull and was surrounded by a kind of orange halo as if this light came from inside and the object itself were translucent.

Cópola then leaned against a wall shielding his eyes with his hands, and continued the observation until the silvery object gained a terrific speed impossible to describe, always towards the North. The other followed the same course slowly, until lost from sight.

Fabricio confirms his father's story, while both showed the logical excitement caused by a phenomenon they cannot explain, since, questioned about it, Cópola states it could not have been a meteorological balloon in view of the speed and the way they moved.

A neighbor alerted by Cópola with his shouts, did not want to come out, frightened, but she as well as other neighbors, agree as to his seriousness and coherence.

The Cópola family is also composed of the wife, Ester González, and another daughter, Carina, 12.

City and country of incident: Mendoza province, Argentina
Date of incident: December 4, 1978
Name of magazine and date: Radiklandia 2000 - September 21, 1979
Country of magazine: Buenos Aires, Argentina

The cases are so many that a new science was born; the question arises whether the visitors coexist with us

XENOPILOGISTS AFFIRM IT: "THERE IS LIFE OUTSIDE OF EARTH"

There are other events in addition to the one that occurred in Vizcacheras last April, which lead many people to believe more fervently each day that yes, there is intelligent life outside our planet. In Mendoza a woman saw humanoid shapes and in Buenos Aires a specialist approaches the subject with surprising data and elements.

There are many authorized opinions and substantially testimonies agree: "Yes, extraterrestrial life exists". An important and vital question remains, to which the events that we will analyze will lead us.

First, let's resume and return to what happened in Vizcacheras, Mendoza. In 2000 again traveled to that province, where professor Victorio Corradi, an expert in extrahuman presences in our planet, obtained official confirmation that eliminates, now more than ever, any doubt as to what happened in that city.

As we already reported in our issue #2651 of April 30th last, workers of the YPF plant in Vizcacheras observed the landing of a UFO — once it took off, the surprised workers could see how the ground, which is sandy there, had undergone a process of vitrification that turned sand into what is called "bubbling rock" due to an excess in calcification.

The General Board of Mining of the Mendoza government has issued a report wherein it admits that IN THE SAMPLES FURNISHED "A REMARKABLE INCREASE IN THE CONCENTRATION OF CALCIUM IS OBSERVED".

A Disturbing Presence

During our trip to Mendoza we were able to obtain another testimony. From Isabel D.

Corradi says: "We learned from rumors about what had happened to her. I went to see her, here in Mendoza. Looked the ground over, spoke to neighbors. I finally located her, and she told me that on December 4, 1978, she was watching TV at her brother's house when she felt an impulse to return home. She left, and shortly thereafter fell into a swimming pool in the back of the house. When her relatives went to help her, they saw how she climbed the pool's stairs "as if she were the Bionic Woman". Her brothers helped her, noticing that she had practically no weight or consistency. "Once recovered, Isabel D. told how on going out she saw a brightly illuminated blue-greenish rail. When she stepped on it she felt an intense cold while two figures of a milky white color, without a definite shape — although with extremities and a head in the shape of a drop — were observing her, making her feel in a strange energetic state.

The experience left a sequel: Isabel D.'s left eye remained bruised and outside of its orbit. She also has violet marks behind her left ear and waist, aside from a rectangular mark ending in little arrows, the relief of which could be seen even through her clothing".

The Ancient Visitors

The testimonies and resulting debates have spread in such a way the world over, that they gave rise to a new science: xenobiology, that is, the study of extraterrestrial life. There is a well known expert on this subject in Argentina. Licensee Mónica Platano, during an interview with R.2000, said: "The presence of extraterrestrial beings in history is

something perfectly logical and possible. There are some who ask why those visitors arrived in the past and not now. And I reply with good knowledge from extraofficial sources that these appearances exist, although we should not be informed of them. And neither can we expect them to land in the middle of Santa Fe avenue (one of the main avenues in Buenos Aires-JT) to tell us 'Here we are, let's shake hands'."

"However, there is a revival of appearances and human curiosity to disclose their origin..."

"A revival that coincides with the Second War, when military planes observed UFOs that followed them. A genuine wave of testimonies is currently being received, the same as at the time of Christ. It may be affirmed that these visits occur every 2,000 years.

Even John XXIII admitted it when he said it would be as trying to limit the power of God, to believe that He only created life in our planet. The Church tries not to commit itself. Twentieth century man projects himself towards the future, but fears for the future to take him over. There are traces of these visits in archaeological remains. Otherwise, NASA would not go to such expenses to investigate Mayan hieroglyphs, the same as it spends in space research. What one must ask oneself now is: Do these extraterrestrial presences coexist with us?

City and country of incident: Luján de Cuyo district, Mendoza prov., Argentina

Date of incident: September 19, 1979
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept. 24, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO LANDED IN MENDOZA

Policeman touched traces: his hand swelled up

Mendoza, 24 (From our correspondent) — Five children recounted the landing of a UFO which according to them emitted multicolored lights and loud sounds, in a district of Luján de Cuyo, some 20km from here, where traces were found which were analyzed by scientists, was disclosed by police sources.

The event has allegedly happened last Wednesday around 20.30, when according to some neighbors, a general blackout occurred. The children who described what happened are: Daniel Lara, 11; Ulises Sepúlveda, 7; Jesús Morón, 7; Adrián Sepúlveda, 8.

The mysterious landing has allegedly taken place in a waste land where the housing complex Los Membrillares is being built, near the Santa Inés district.

The children stated the craft descended emitting a shrill sound while from its structure "came light blue and white reflexes like rays". A red light appeared on the upper part.

The children said they ran to tell their parents but these attached no importance to the event.

It was also learned that personnel from the Luján de Cuyo police intervened, and that a policeman from that district "touched the traces that remained on the ground and one hand swelled up".

The traces are five holes some 3cm diameter. An analysis made by experts has apparently determined there are no traces of radioactivity in them.

What called the attention very much in the children's testimony was the fact that the craft emitted sound, which is an unusual phenomenon in this kind of observations. In fact, practically all testimonies about the presence of UFOs agree in stating that such artifacts move silently.

City and country of incident: Talca, Chile
Date of incident: February 1976
Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept. 25, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CHILE: "ENCOUNTERS" WITH EXTRATERRESTRIAL BEINGS

Santiago de Chile, 25 (ANSA) — A Chilean UFO expert assured here that in a certain region of this country physical approaches had taken place between extraterrestrials and peasants, but due to the latter's ignorance, the cases were reported as "appearances of the devil".

Radio speaker Alberto Morales (a member of the Center for Psychospatial Studies, with headquarters in Buenos Aires), publicly claimed here that in the Chilean farming region of Talca, some 250km south of Santiago, in the pre-cordilleran zone, there was evidence of several cases of approaches by extraterrestrials. Morales claims that in the last week of February 1976, an extraterrestrial stepped down from a UFO and faced a peasant who was plowing; the latter escaped seized by panic, but the extraterrestrial caught up with him and placed one hand on his shoulder. Morales states he was attended in the hospital and was diagnosed "first and second degree burns, caused by a chemical product".

Morales, the same as others, believes that the arrival to Earth of UFOs and their mysterious crews is due to the purpose of "observing humans' contradictions, who are now about to destroy our planet if the great powers should start the third world war". Morales adds that "these beings will prevent that our planet be destroyed, because this will somehow produce a universal unbalance affecting their space survival".

City and country of incident: Chosica, Perú
Date of incident: ?
Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, October 7, 1979
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

AN ALLEGED RECORDING OF EXTRATERRESTRIALS IS BEING INVESTIGATED, AND THE VOICES ARE NOT HUMAN

Lima (EFE) — The recording of an alleged message from extraterrestrial beings is being investigated by Peruvian electronic technicians to determine the origin of the sounds that come from the tape. The recording was made by local parapsychologist César Limo in the town of Chosica, 40km from Lima. Spaceships have recently been seen and photographed, their images being reproduced in local papers. Up to now, the primary examination of the tape indicated that the sounds coming from it do not correspond to human voices. It was also verified that the tape was not run at a speed higher than the normal one; also, it is not tampered with, nor does it reproduce the Morse code or any other kind of communication signals known on Earth. What is heard resembles faltering monosyllables, as when in certain frequencies radiotelephone conversations are heard over short wave. Experts are convinced they are beings from another world.



THE TIMES, High River, Alberta, Canada - Aug. 23, 1979 CR: T. Adams

Bull mangled near Blackie in a series of freak killings

By Dianne Meili
Times Staff

A bull was found dead, with its sexual parts removed, in a pasture in the Gladys Ridge area, near Blackie, on Aug. 12.

RCMP believe the animal was either shot or injected with a drug before its anus, scrotum, parts of the penis, sheath, tongue, and right ear were severed with a knife in a surgical manner. However, local veterinarian, Ray Wise, in referral to the autopsy, says the exact cause of death is hard to tell because the animal had been dead for 48 hours.

"After this length of time, gases set in, the animal bloats and it's hard to tell exactly how the animal was killed. In this case, the bull was too far gone," Dr. Wise explains.

Crime Lab

Samples of the animal's tissue were sent to RCMP labs in Edmonton, but as yet no results have been released.

The bull was a purebred Simmental weighing approximately 2500 lbs. Owner Don Seney says the bull was worth about "four or five thousand dollars."

Mr. and Mrs. Willoughby say it took them a full day to

actually believe the atrocity committed to the bull which was found on their land. Don Seney had kept the bull on their property for two years.

No Prank

"The bull must have been killed late Saturday night or early Sunday morning," says Mr. Willoughby. "It wasn't any drunken group of kids pulling a prank because the animal was chopped up with surgical precision."

RCMP have no suspects as of yet, but are extremely interested in similar incidents, equally as bizarre, which took place near

Brooks on Aug. 10, 11 and 13.

"In the Brooks case, three animals were shot and it's reported they were sexually molested after their death," says Cst. Brown of the High River detachment.

Police are guessing the suspect or suspects involved in Blackie and Brooks crimes may be one and the same.

RCMP in Brooks told The Times a steer and two cows were killed and molested, but not mutilated in the incidents.

The farmer who owned a cow killed and molested in Brooks says he's sickened by

the fatal mutilation of his cattle. He claims he will "camp out at the pasture and wait" for the culprit who killed his animal.

In October, 1978, two of his cows and a prize-winning horse belonging to his son were killed point blank with a shotgun blast.

High River RCMP say an incident, similar to the one in Blackie, wherein a bull was killed and mutilated, occurred in Hanna only two months ago.

Predetermined

The crime committed near Blackie "must have been predetermined" says Mrs. Willoughby. The culprits chose to kill the animal in an area of the farm where there was no visibility within a mile. "It seems as though the culprit had the area surveyed beforehand," she said.

Indeed, the previous week to the killing, she remembers remarking to her husband how strange it seemed that a helicopter hovered over their land "for quite awhile."

"We're in the path of the airport, and lots of planes fly overhead, but this helicopter was different. It stayed over our land for a long time," she explained.

1500 cattle victims

The bull killing and mutilation which occurred on the Willoughby farm near Blackie is by no means an isolated case. It is in fact only one piece in a huge puzzle of mutilations.

The majority of mutilations have occurred in the U.S.A. During the past three years, more than 1500 cattle in 22 states have been killed and mutilated, their blood drained and selected

organs removed with surgical precision. Suspects range from satanic cults to government researchers.

Many of the above mutilations are described in an in depth study which was published recently in a national magazine. The circumstances are similar to those of the Blackie mutilation and it would seem the culprits are moving from the U.S. up to Canada to carry on their atrocious deeds.

Report Issued On Mutilations

From the Journal's Santa Fe Bureau

SANTA FE — The state's probe into cattle mutilations has so far concentrated on the cataloging of evidence on the 76 incidents which occurred before July and actual investigations of the 10 incidents which have taken place since July, according to a progress report presented Thursday to the Santa Fe District Attorney's Office.

The report, prepared by Kenneth Rommel Jr., head of the probe, states that none of the investigations on the incidents is complete.

"It would not be in the best interest of this investigative project to make observations or draw conclusions, at this time, in regard to any of the incidents investigated or reports reviewed," the report states.

The report also notes that one of the investigations resulted in the discovery of a stripped automobile in the Truchas area.

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM - Oct. 12, 1979 CR: F. Hudson

RIO GRANDE SUN, Espanola, NM
Aug. 30, 1979 CR: T. Adams

'Mutilation' Was Investigated, Resident Says

From the SUN's Santa Fe Bureau

Mrs. Ernesto Martinez, whose family owns the land upon which a suspected mutilated cow was found recently in Truchas, said that Ken Rommel did not ignore the animal, but visited the site three times.

Although the former FBI agent assigned to investigate the incidents for the district attorney's office did not appear on the scene the weekend the animal was discovered, Mrs. Martinez said he did go to Truchas the following Monday, as soon as he learned of the incident.

Her husband, who discovered the animal at 7 a.m. the preceding Saturday, had called both state police and District Attorney Eloy Martinez, to report what appeared to be a mutilation.

According to Mrs. Martinez, that message was not relayed to Rommel until Monday, and no law enforcement officials reported to the scene until that day, when she first led Rommel to the carcass.

Mrs. Martinez no longer believes the animal was a

true mutilation. She said early reports that its tongue was missing later were found to be untrue, as the tongue had merely gravitated to the back of the dead animal's mouth.

She believes that predator activity accounts for the lack of blood.

Sources report that Rommel discovered the cow had died of lupine and poison lardspur poisoning.

One source also told the SUN that the special investigator discovered through lab analysis hair found near the site belonged to wolves.

Rommel, however, cannot be reached to confirm or deny these reports, and Tom Florina of the District Attorney's office will give no comment, explaining that the cause of death of the cow is a "evidentiary matter" and therefore something he cannot discuss.

Rommel has, on previous occasions, reported predators were responsible for other suspected mutilations.

Rommel apparently found the Lupine and Lardspur in excretion samples he found near the cow, Truchas sources say.

OREGON JOURNAL, Portland, OR - Oct. 2, 1979

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BIGFOOT: A 19-year-old Newberg man, who works for a Portland electric and plumbing firm as an assistant salesman, won't forget a weekend hunting outing for some time to come. Mark Osborne was in a hunting party with four others in the Burnt Woods area east of Toledo when one person saw what he thought was a deer and the others went into the Coast Range timber to flush it out. Osborne looked over to a point where two cut trees on the ground were hanging partly in a ravine. On the end of one of the trees was a creature of an orange-brown color and covered with hair. Osborne stared at the creature for about 15 minutes and it stared back, but he said it disappeared when he ventured to go closer. Early the next morning, while two of the party were sleeping in the back of a vehicle, they were awakened by a loud thump on the vehicle's side and saw a silhouette moving and swinging its arms against the canopy. The prints of a fist, twice the size of a human hand, were found on the truck.

THE PRESS AND JOURNAL, Aberdeen, Scotland - Sept. 18, 1979

Nessie's 'trial run' witnessed by holidaymakers

AN ENGLISH couple claim to have spotted Nessie in exactly the same place where two women recently witnessed a spectacular sighting of the monster.

Earlier this month "The Press and Journal" carried an account of how Mrs. Muriel Clark, a teacher from Bots-wana, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Isobel Macleod, Drumna-drochit, were standing at Temple Pier at 4 p.m. on August 31 when they saw what looked like the head of a prehistoric beast rising from the churning waters of Loch Ness.

This prompted Essex couple Mr and Mrs Alistair Boyd, 12a Runwell Terrace, Southend-on-Sea to get in touch with us to tell of their sighting which they say has remarkable similarities.

Mr Boyd said: "We had a brief sighting of the monster from the same place, at the same time of day and almost exactly a month previously — on July 30."

The couple had been in the North on holiday and had just driven from Inverness.

Mr Boyd said: "We parked in the lay-by overlooking Temple Pier. It had been raining for some time but the loch was calm."

"At about 4.15 p.m. I noticed a small, dark shape appear and disappear three times very quickly. It was moving from left to right about 150yd. out in the bay."

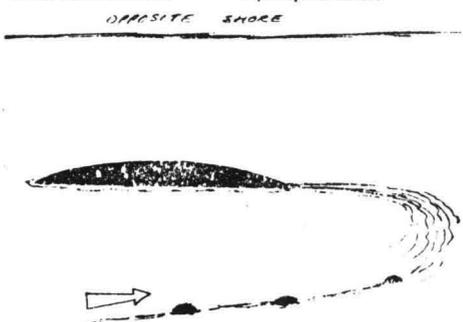
His wife was reading a magazine at the time and he tapped her on the shoulder. He said that as she looked up a powerful wake had swirled rapidly round to the left.

Mr Boyd went on: "We saw a large, low black hump surface at the head of the wake. It was about 20ft. long and looked like the top of huge tyre inner tube."

"It remained motionless on the surface for about five seconds, but by the time I picked up my camera from the back seat, it had submerged."

Mr Boyd said that despite being unable to get a photograph at the time, he immediately drew a sketch of what he had seen.

He added: "I spent most of the rest of our holiday scanning the loch with my camera at the ready — but there was no repeat performance."



SKETCH of Nessie, drawn by English holidaymaker Mr Alistair Boyd, after he and his wife claimed a sighting in July.

Second animal found mutilated

CALGARY (CP) — RCMP are investigating the mutilation and death of an 800-pound steer near Didsbury, the second such incident in three weeks. Cpl. Lynn Lauber said the penis of the steer had been removed. "I don't know who we are looking for because we have no evidence whatsoever to act upon, but we are not looking for a coyote." Parts from the Didsbury animal and the internal organs of a 2,500-pound prize bull mutilated earlier near Blackie have been sent to a laboratory for analysis. Cpl. Lauber said police suspect a tranquillizing gun was used.

Colt, bull victims of strange butcher

A colt found with parts of its nose, ears and mouth sliced off with surgical precision in southern Alberta has RCMP investigators baffled.

The animal was found on isolated rangeland near Brooks Tuesday.

RCMP suspect members of a bizarre, cult religion

may be responsible for the killing and seven others since last fall.

In fact, RCMP are still mystified as to how the animals are being killed. There was no sign of a footprint or tireprint near the dead animals.

On the weekend, a bull was found sexually mutilated near Claresholm.

A bull and cow were shot in the Brooks area in August and then had their sex organs cut out. A similar killing occurred near High River, destroying a 1,200-kilogram prize bull.

Another Mutilation?

Another apparent mutilation, but denied by El Paso Sheriff's Deputies, has occurred recently in the area.

Martin Carpenter of Ramah reported that a 500 lb. heifer was found Monday morning of this week with its tongue, an eye, tail, bag and a piece of the neck removed.

The heifer was found 2 miles south of Hwy. 24 and west of South Ramah Dam Road, one-half mile into the pasture.

Although Carpenter called out the El Paso County Sheriff's Department to the apparent mutilation scene, they termed it another coyote killing.

SENTINEL, Milwaukee, WI - Sept. 28, 1979

Legend puts 'Bigfoot' in White House (Tenn.)

By MICHAEL PLEMMONS
Special to The Sentinel

WHITE HOUSE, Tenn. — Five years ago, White House disappeared from the economic road map. The stretch of Highway 31 that had brought thousands of Nashville-bound travelers annually became a rather decrepit side road with the installation of Interstate 65 several miles to the west. The dozen or more souvenir, fireworks and snack stands starved quickly.

Today, White House is little more than a bucolic blink from the freeway, a collection of scattered old houses and a couple of churches. It had always been a town of 500 souls, but now they seem remote.

Interstate 65 also ended the careers of as many as 15 caged brown and black bears. The kids, say White House old timers, used to go crazy for the caged bears that sat outside the souvenir stands, panting begging for french fries. But Interstate 65 took the kids away.

There are two bears left, tended by a man who plays at running the only souvenir stand left. The rest were given away to zoos. Or died.

That much is known.

The rest is hearsay and mystery and death. For Interstate 65 seems to have given at least one thing to White House, for all it took away. It has provided a creature — a Bigfoot, a hairy manlike thing, a "whatever it is out there."

It was the Labor Day weekend, 1979.

And after several years of strange noises in the dark and inexplicable shadows in the scrubby woods around White House, the creature at last announced itself with two days of killings — dogs, sheep, pigs.

The half dozen dogs, two pigs and one sheep that were found dead alongside a road or in backyard fields bore no signs of struggle. In the absence of blood or claw marks or broken bones, locals surmised their animals had been crushed by a huge creature of phenomenal strength.

A bear? Probably. But they'd all been accounted for.

The killings were officially sealed by the creature when it ripped open long, wide gashes on the trunk of a giant weeping willow in Luther Short's backyard, shearing off the bark to "mark its domain," a local game warden, Larry Harris supposed.

A bear would do that, he agreed. But every bear that had ever been caged was accounted for as either shipped off to a zoo, dead from disease or old age or still living and still caged (the two previously mentioned).

Complicating matters was the report from a farmer six miles away, Bill Cook, who said he wrestled with a hairy creature that "walked upright like a man and had slanted eyes like a Japanese." Cook reported he got the creature to the ground, but it broke free and ran off into the night. Certainly not a bear. Not one that

crushes pigs like putty.

The Sheriff's Department grinned at all this. But the men of White House who, like all rural Tennessee men, are still married to their rifles, organized posses and set off on a second honeymoon.

Meanwhile, the women and children of White House remained in their homes at night, forbidden by fear and their husbands' admonitions to tread outdoors.

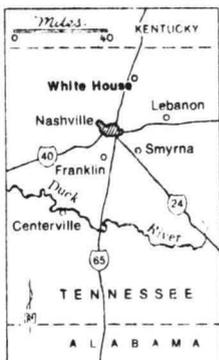
"I'm afraid," said Mrs. Mizell Broderick. Her German shepherd dog, Major, was killed Labor Day night. Two of the dog's puppies, owned by other people, were killed the second night. "I don't go out around here at night. And, of course, everyone calls 'it' a monster or a creature, but we all know it's a bear.

"The old guy who runs that (souvenir) place let him go. We all know he did. 'Course he says that a bear — there used to be three, you know — died. But I don't believe that bear died."

Harris, the game warden, says he KNOWS the bear died. "I saw the dead bear myself. Looked at the number inside its mouth."

That was six months before the Labor Day killings. And the other two bears are still there in their cages. So how could the creature be a bear? And what else could it be? Really. The posses would answer that.

The men of White House polished



— By a Sentinel Artist

off untold fifths of whisky and covered scores of footpaths and gullies, tracked every conceivable animal print and some of their own, too. They did it in style, all right. Just like in the movies. Late at night. Under a low hanging, orange moon.

Inevitably, there was another victim. There was a huge, lurking shadow. A shot. And one dead cow.

The Sheriff's Department grinned. And, strangely, after a week of urgent searching, the creature seemed to have vanished. There were no more killings. The zeal of the male citizenry abated. And legend had its foothold.

The Middle Tennessee region has not naturally supported a bear population in decades. Centuries, some say.

SUN, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada - Oct. 4, 1979 CR: J. Musgrave

ANIMAL SLASHER STRIKES AGAIN

The 13th cattle mutilation case in Alberta since Aug. 13 has been found — this time near Rocky Mountain House, southwest of Edmonton.

A mutilated bull was found Monday, the same day another animal was found near Tofield, southeast of Edmonton.

Police are still uncertain whether the sexual mutilations which began last fall are the work of some satanic or

other religious cult.

RCMP spokesmen have described as "ridiculous" claims that extraterrestrial beings or the CIA are involved in the mutilations.

"We have nothing to indicate either are involved. We haven't had any UFO sightings. I can't see why little green men would come down and remove the genitals of cattle. It doesn't make sense," said one RCMP spokesman.

SUN, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada - Oct. 5, 1979 CR: J. Musgrave

Animal horror heads east

By LANCE BESWICK

The devil cult mutilators may have struck in Saskatchewan.

Those responsible for more than a dozen mutilations in Alberta are being linked with two attacks discovered this week in Melville and Mossbank.

The animals involved were a heifer and a horse. In both cases, organs had been slashed away with a sharp instrument... and in neither instance was it possible to find the cause of death.

RCMP in Saskatchewan have been in contact with counterparts investigating Alberta's mystery killings.

And a spokesman said: "There do appear to be some similarities. The veterinary surgeon was unable to find anything which caused the animals to die."

The remains of the animals killed over the past two months have been subjected to exhaustive examination at the CMP's central laboratory in Edmonton. But forensic scientists have found nothing.

Meanwhile, rewards of \$1,500 have been offered for information leading to the conviction of the cattle mutilators.

The Alberta Cattle Commission and the Western Stock Growers Association, who have a joint program for battling cattle rustlers, have offered a reward of \$1,000.

An additional \$500 has been posted by The World of Beef and Stockman's Recorder, a Calgary publication.

Littlefoot on loose in Bruce?

BRUCE — Who knows, maybe this is the counterpart of the fabled Bigfoot. Maybe what was purportedly seen near here is Littlefoot.

Thirteen-year-olds Jeff Anderson and Carrie Williams aren't sure what they spotted along the edge of the Big Sioux River just outside of town, but they're convinced they saw something strange.

"The first time I saw it, I thought it was a monkey," Jeff said Thursday. "It was a thing about two and a half or three feet tall, something like that." But the brownish creature had big ears, no tail and made a noise which might otherwise have come from a loud cow, he said.

The two Bruce youths said they and a friend first saw the creature about two weeks ago. And they claim to have spotted it once or twice since then.

Jeff, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson, said he probably got the best look at the creature, because he was walking around near the river. Carrie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, said she hung back on the road above the bank.

"Mostly, we saw shadows and weeds move and stuff," she said.

But Jeff said he probably got within 20 feet of the creature the first time he saw it.

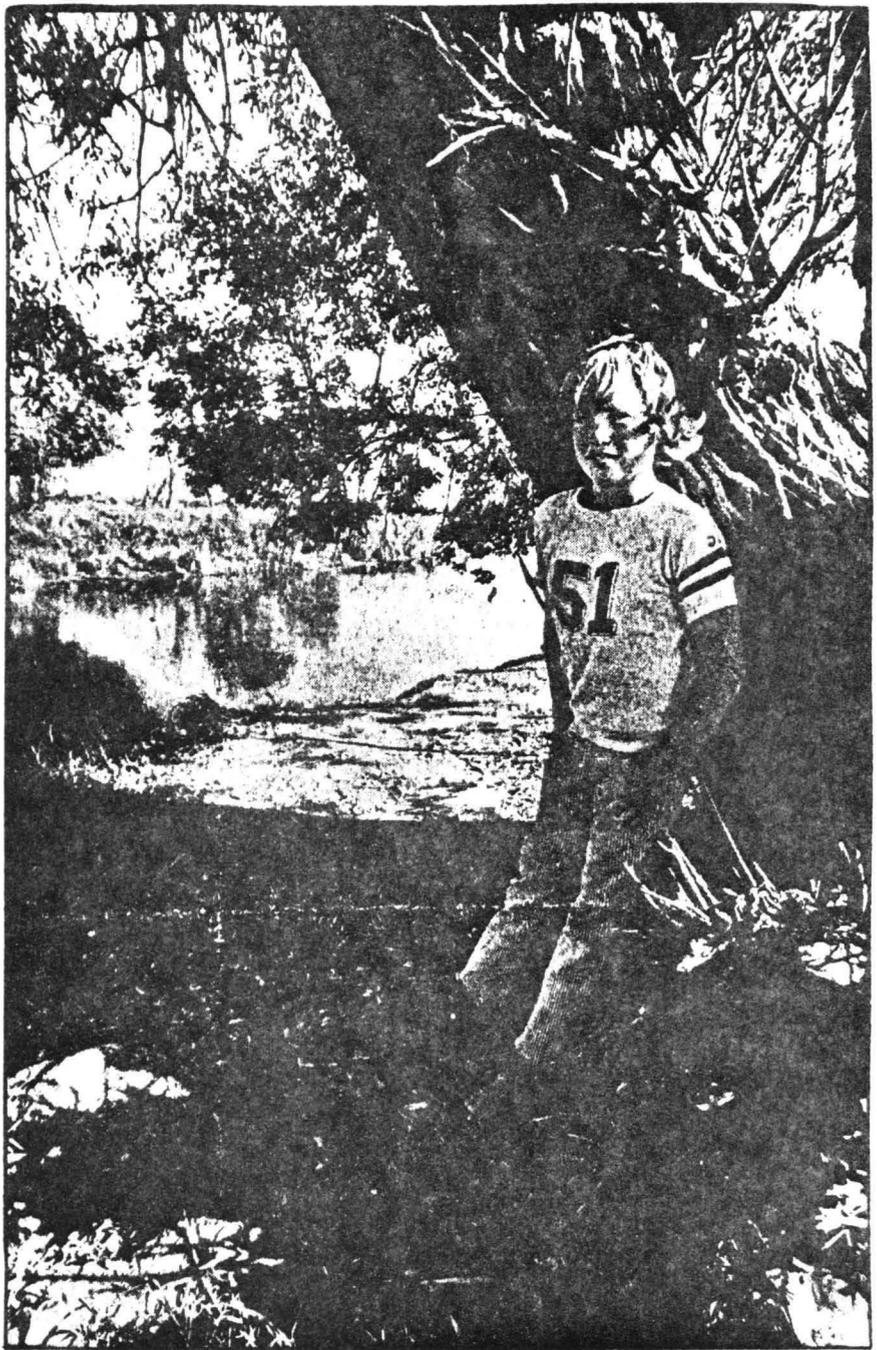
"It just ran really fast when I saw it," he said. And it ran on two feet, he add. The three youths stage a similar quick retreat, he said.

Jeff passed word of the sighting to other town residents, but they didn't quite believe him, he said. "They thought we were cracked."

Carrie noted that friends at school don't believe the story either, and that she no longer tries to convince anybody of its authenticity.

"I don't try any more. It's become impossible," she said.

However, almost every night the two go out to search for a creature whose description conjures visions of a pint-sized version of the legendary



Thirteen-year-old Jeff Anderson, Bruce, claims he and his friends have seen a stange looking creature running along the banks of the Big Sioux River near Bruce. He describes it as being about two or three feet tall with no tail and big ears. It runs on two feet and sounds like a cow, he says. (Register Photo by Mark Henle)

and elusive Bigfoot.

"We just walk out here for the fun of it, 'cuz there's nothing else to do in town," Jeff said, as he pointed out where his spotted the creature.

Back at Bruce's Longhorn Bar, a popular local hangout, the sighting is the subject of a lot of speculation, mostly of the humorous and disbelieving sort.

But some townspeople have gone out and taken a look for themselves. The word is that no further sightings have been made.

"Anybody I've talked to is just laughing about it. But, you never know," said Sheryl Poppe, a bartender at the Longhorn, "there could be something."

FREE PRESS, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada - Oct. 16, 1979 CR: M. Hall

Search on for Big Foot

By Brian Gory

A search party was being organized near Gypsumville today to flush out some sort of man-beast which startled and briefly chased a group of Indians Sunday.

All descriptions of the mysterious creature fit that of a Sasquatch or Big Foot.

Even a normally-skeptical conservation officer, Ron Heroux, was shaken as he made a plaster cast of a 15-inch long by five-inch footprint yesterday.

"Most of the time seeing is believing," he said. "But when 10 different

native people (including a five year old) more or less give the same description and with the footprints, I'm pretty sure they're seeing something out of the ordinary."

A search was launched shortly after the sighting Sunday afternoon on the Little Saskatchewan reserve five kilometres west of Gypsumville, about 230 kilometres north of Winnipeg.

An aerial search was conducted yesterday and today, Clifford Shorting, who lives on the reserve, was to lead another search party.

His brother, Norman, 23, and a cousin, Ivor Traverse, were closer

than anyone else on Sunday, when they said they saw the creature.

They were in a clearing when "we heard it from far away. It was making a lot of noise with his feet. It breaks the branches when it's walking."

Shorting said it parted the bushes and peered into the clearing. He estimated it was eight feet tall.

Heroux is puzzled by the footprint, made on hard clay. He estimated whatever made the impression had to be at least 400 pounds. He said he had a 250-pound man jump up and down around the same spot and the indentation hardly made a mark.

Satanists believed mutilating cattle

CALGARY (UPC-CP) — Police say macabre satanic rituals may be behind mysterious cattle mutilations in southern Alberta.

Ten head of cattle, mostly bulls, have been mutilated since Aug. 13. Most died after their sexual organs were removed.

Police investigators are looking for a satanic or religious cult, but Royal Canadian Mounted Police say while cults routinely use animal organs for ceremonies, none they know of use sexual organs.

"We haven't found them, but we have reason to believe they exist," said Cpl. Lyn Lauber, co-ordinator of the investigation. "In each case, it's clear the organs were removed by a knife or other sharp instrument."

UFOs responsible?

Some ranchers speculate the mutilations may be the work of extra-terrestrial beings since there appears to be little or no trace of footprints or tire tracks near the mutilations.

In the most recent case, a young 800-pound steer was found mutilated Sunday at a Nanton-area farm by owner Tom Hawk. The steer's penis, rectum, secondary sex glands and left ear were cut off. Unlike some of the other mutilations, the animal's tongue was not cut out.

It was the second mutilation discovered within four days in the Nanton area, about 43 miles (70 kilometres) south of Calgary.

Work of 2 groups

Lauber said the RCMP has been maintaining close contact with American authorities who first came across similar mutilations in the mid-western and southwestern states about six years ago.

"The bull has been used as a sacrificial animal in the past but we can't find anything of significance tied to sex organs," he said.

An Alberta government veterinarian-pathologist, Dr. David Green, has examined eight of the animals and believes the mutilations may be the work of two groups.

"In the earlier cases, the dissection was quite well done but some others appear to be copycat mutilations, they were more crudely done," he said yesterday.

In all cases, the anus of each animal has been cut out. In most cases the penis, scrotum and testicles had been removed, Green said.

He said some of the cattle had died of natural causes and been mutilated several days after death. In other cases the "sur-

gery" had been performed within hours of the animals' death.

Green said a number of ancient cultures, including the Druids, Minoans and Bantu tribe used animal parts in religious rites. However, if any such cults are re-emerging, Green said he "can't think of any reason why they'd resort to this when most of the parts are readily available at any slaughterhouse."

Mystery creature hunted

Canadian Press

WINNIPEG — Residents of the Little Saskatchewan Indian reserve north of Winnipeg say a three-metre-tall, human-like creature is roaming the bush in their area.

They have organized a search to try to capture the creature which the Indians say is black, walks like a man and is covered with hair.

"We're going to catch it if we can and sell it. It's a good way to get rich," says search leader Clifford Shorting.

"We wanted a tranquillizer gun, but nobody has one. We figure we'll break a leg, or two legs, then haul it to the doctor."

Footprints found in the area show the creature has a stride of about 1.5 metres, Shorting said.

David Thompson was the first to sight the creature Sunday as it stood in the middle of a road. "It was just like a big gorilla. Lots of hair over him, black, running like a man."

Another reserve resident says he saw the beast Monday night.

"We were close to the swamp when we spotlighted it. I saw its eyes... big and green."

Conservation officer Ron Heroux made a plaster cast of a 15-inch footprint left by the creature in mud. He said whatever made the two-inch impression had to be at least 400 pounds.

SEX ORGANS, EYES, EARS CUT FROM CATTLE

'Introverts' blamed for mutilations

EDMONTON (CP) — Police speculate recent cattle mutilations in Alberta may be the work of outwardly respectable persons bored with their dull lives.

No evidence has yet been found in any of the at least 17 confirmed cases of cattle mutilation since Aug. 13. Most of the incidents have occurred in southern Alberta, but several more have been reported recently in Saskatchewan.

Sex organs of 16 cattle and one horse were removed. Eyes, ears and parts of tongues were taken in some cases. Veterinary pathologists have been unable to establish cause of death in some incidents.

RCMP Cpl. Lyn Lauber, in charge of the investigation, speculates group members are men and women 35 years old or more, quite intelligent and successful in their line of work, but introverted.

Outwardly they may appear to have high moral standards and be family-oriented, but they crave some sort of excitement, the Calgary officer says.

"The police theory is that these people no longer need something to spice up their otherwise dull lives. Life has become boring for them."

The group or groups are secretive and

closed, and take their rites seriously. "It's not a passing fancy. It will stay for awhile."

"It's hard to say whether they're sick. They're no threat to the public. There's no indication it will progress beyond cattle."

There could be any number of group members. "We have no way of knowing. There may be more than one group."

Mutilations probably occur during the dark hours, perhaps just before dawn.

"A person is the least attentive at that time. They would know that this would be the time of least detection."

Someone with a good hunting knife and a sharpener could probably mutilate an animal within 20 minutes. "He could do it by feel."

Dr. Alan Aycock, a professor at the University of Lethbridge, says the mutilations sound like a revival of 19th century English clubs for the rich and bored who indulged in witchcraft as a hobby.

"There was one called the Hellfire Club that held nasty types of orgies. Occasionally such things would get out of hand and someone would be injured but they didn't represent any threat to the general public."

The 19th century groups used mild forms of witchcraft and Druidism, a religion of the Celts in ancient Gaul and Britain, as a hobby, he says. Groups usually involved bored, wealthy members of the upper classes.

Aycock, who teaches a course in the occult, says organs removed from the livestock may indicate the cult wants to incorporate the animal's power. Mutilation of other parts may represent attacks on people.

"The genitals were devoured in trying to enhance their fertility. But the eyes, ears and tongue might be used in an attack on the sense organs of other people."

Cattle have traditionally been used for sacrifice, Aycock says. Often some parts would be devoured by worshippers and others offered to their god.

But the group or groups responsible for Alberta's mutilations probably aren't Satanic cults, he says.

"Actual Satanism is fairly rare in history. There is little evidence there were ever Satanic cults in 19th century Europe" although many false confessions were wrung from innocent victims during purges and inquisitions.

Expert Puts His Bigfoot Forward

Editor's note: Michigan has a self-styled bigfoot expert who says he's convinced there are as many as 500 of the ape-like creatures in the state. Wayne King runs the Michigan Bigfoot Information Center from his home of Millington, northwest of Flint. Recently, he went hunting near Lansing for the elusive creature. Press reporter Jim Mencarelli went along.

In 1965, Rose Owen and her 17-year-old daughter, Christine VanAcker, were driving at night along a rural road in Monroe County when a gigantic "beast" stepped from the woods into the path of their car.

The women screamed, and Owen hit the brakes, sending the car skidding sideways. Before it came to a stop, the vehicle grazed the creature standing in the roadway.

The beast, which the women described as a giant ape, charged the vehicle and thrust its paw through the open passenger's side window. Christine was hit in the jaw while her mother's head was slammed against the door post.

The beast then disappeared into the woods. The women drove for help.

Later, Christine and her mother took polygraph examinations. Christine, who suffered a bruised chin, failed to pass it. Her mother, however, who suffered a bruised jaw and two black eyes, passed it.

This is just one of the stories being related in a small pizza shop in Perry, a tiny community about 15 miles east of Lansing. The storyteller is Wayne King, a self-professed expert on the so-called Michigan Bigfoot.

King, 41, is fanatic about the subject. During the next hour, he lists a dozen cases worldwide in which the elusive creature has supposedly made its presence known.

The case involving the Owen woman, he insists, is the only instance on record in which bodily injury was caused by a sasquatch, the mysterious "hairy giant" of Indian lore.

"In 1978, Michigan had 24 classified, bona-fide sightings of the sasquatch plus 310 track classifications, and that is more than any place in the nation," he says.

"There are tens of thousands of these animals throughout the world. There are 300 to 500 of these animals in Michigan. If they were to be classified scientifically, they would be in the species of ape."

By day, King is a press operator at a General Motors plant. At night, he camps in the basement of his rural home, surrounding himself with objects, plaster casts — even fecal specimens — he's convinced belong to the legendary sasquatch.

"I don't have one iota of a doubt in my mind that he's real," King proclaims. "With my own eyes I have seen two of the animals. And let me tell you, my friend, it was a very traumatic encounter."

King has brown eyes and thinning hair he

keeps greased down with hair tonic. He consumes coffee by the quart and seems to have a cigarette glued between his fingers.

There are those who call him crazy because of his obsession with the creature. King considers himself a researcher with the duty to kill one and bring it in for study.

"In order to get protection for this animal, we must first have a specimen," he says. "I'm a realist. Before any legislation can be drawn up for protection of this animal, we have to identify it, prove it exists."

"The killing won't bother me. It will be the ultimate of what I want to achieve."

"Before I publicly said I was going to kill a sasquatch, people were denying it existed. Now, they're criticizing me for being cruel. The idea of killing has put (the idea of a sasquatch) in the scope of reality."

King and one of his "field representatives," Richard Doty, also 41, sit in the pizza shop waiting for the proper time before driving to a nearby farm to stake out a site where they believe a bigfoot is living.

Two weeks ago, King says, he photographed a handprint of a sasquatch on a farm owned by John and Virginia Culham, near Dansville. On Sept. 14, King relates, the Culhams found their grain shed in tatters and 24 500-pound bags of seed and salt ripped apart. Outside, on a camper top, they found the handprint which, King says, was about 11 inches long and resembled a gorilla's footprint.

"The way I figure it, the animal leaned against the aluminum camper top to support himself while he looked under it for a small animal or rodent. He must've leaned on it because there was a slight bend in the aluminum."

Besides the grain shed episode, the Culham family has experienced other strange phenomena, King says. A month ago, one of their cats was found with a hole in its stomach. Earlier, two of the family's sheep disappeared as well as chickens from a neighbor's farm.

"And their son, he's 24, said on seven different occasions he's heard a high-pitched, loud screaming, like the scream of a woman in terror. That, my friend, is the cry of a sasquatch."

King has been hunting the area around Dansville for the last year or so. Farm country dotted with state game preserves, swamp land and plenty of orchards, it provides ideal cover for bigfoot creatures, he says.

In mid-1978, there was a rash of sightings in the area, including one by Francis Jones Jr. 41, and Michael Hackworth, 20, who were driving along a road early one July morning.

According to testimony given later, both men said they saw a creature in the road that had greenish eyes and walked upright. They said it had black hair and was massive.

"These animals are nocturnal," King says. "But they're also diurnal, much like an owl. They can see both at night and during the daylight."

"They live primarily in heavy bush country. These animals have a brain. They think, they reason, they're curious. The animal is aware of man's domain."

The bigfoot King describes is omnivorous. Much like a bear, it will eat anything. The creature does not hibernate, is powerfully built with heavy thighs, a broad chest, short neck and comparatively small head. A mature sasquatch weighs 700 to 900 pounds and stand seven to nine feet

tall. It walks on the flats of its feet.

King says he got into the study of the Michigan bigfoot 10 years ago after his wife was killed in a car crash. He has since interviewed hundreds of persons claiming they've seen a sasquatch, and has taken numerous plaster casts of the creature's footprints.

His prized possession, he says, is a pile of fecal matter he found near Traverse City. He had the stuff analyzed and the biologist was unable to identify hairs found in the matter.

On the hunt this night, which is to take place from midnight Friday to dawn Saturday, King plans to stake out a spot, bait it and wait for the mysterious sasquatch to arrive. He terms the technique "overnight research."

"Believe me, my friend, the sasquatch is very curious indeed. If he's within five miles of the baits he'll come in. He'll hide in the brush, but you'll hear him when he comes."

"And with his night vision, he'll see us before we see him."

The Culham farm is about 15 miles south of Perry. Arriving there about 12:30 a.m., King and his partner went to a spot they considered ideal.

When King was here two weeks earlier, to interview the Culhams, he checked out the terrain to determine from which direction the sasquatch would most likely arrive. He decided it probably would be the driveway to a gravel road which is bordered by heavy vegetation.

The spot he'd selected for the stake-out is a low hollow between a corn field and several apple trees. It provides a good view of the driveway and the Culham's damaged grain shed.

King claims he saw two bigfoot creatures while on a similar stake out last year. He says he was near Kingston in Tuscola County when the sounds in the brush became so intense he flashed on his light.

"About eight feet above the ground, I caught these two eyes in the light," he says. "At first, I thought it was an owl in a tree. Then the eyes began to move, swaying back and forth. I moved the light to the right and there, lower, were a second set of eyes. I could just make out the shape of the second sasquatch, which I think was the child of the first."

King says he called the state police. When troopers arrived, he and the officers went into the woods where the creatures had gone.

"We got back there and the sasquatch made a sound that was an unmistakable warning. If we went on, there was no doubt in my mind that it would attack us."

"I remember, one of the troopers stopped in his tracks and said, 'What was that?' Then I saw him reach down and unlatch his gun."

The bait King uses consists of sardines which he and his assistant spread around the hollow. They then set out small folding stools, jugs of coffee, rifles and a tape recorder.

By 1 a.m., everything was set and

the waiting began. King and his assistant talked in whispers.

When first scouting an area, King says he breaks branches and tears up stumps where he goes. He says he does this to give notice to the creature that he's there. He regards it as a challenge to the bigfoot.

"I want the sasquatch to know I've been in his territory. Then, when I come back later, maybe he'll be curious enough to come and look me over. Over the last five times we've been out, we've had positive results three times."

When the bigfoot comes, King continues, it might use an intimidating tactic. When he and his assistant, Doty, were out last year near in Tuscola County, they first heard a pounding, as if a creature was stamping the ground or beating a tree trunk with a club. About an hour later, they heard brush breaking nearby accompanied by heavy breathing.

"It was the personification of a bull," King says. "A typical form of intimidation."

On this night, however, no bigfoot creature arrives to intimidate. The most that happens is that a sheep with a nasty cough makes a lot of strange sounds throughout the night.

About 3 a.m., several deer walk past the stakeout point. King interprets this as a good sign that the "blind" is working. An hour later, there is a brief flurry of excitement.

In a tree next to us, there is the sound of a tree branch falling or a rock being thrown into the tree and hitting the trunk. King immediately jumps up and grabs his rifle.

"It's started," he says, adding that the creatures sometimes throw projectiles as part of their routine. He says this frequently happens to loggers and campers in the West.

"They'll throw rocks, sticks anything they can grab to try and scare you away. Hang on, things'll be happening real soon."

But nothing does happen and whatever made the sound in the tree disappears.

Finally, shortly before dawn, King ends the hunt and takes one last search around the farm with his flashlight. About this time, the Culham family wakes up. After giving King permission to hunt the area, they were told to go to bed and maintain normal behavior.

Culham's son is quite excited and comes outside in his underwear.

"Did you hear it," he says quickly. "It was about three in the morning, the dog just went crazy."

"Did I hear what?" King asks.

"The screaming," the son replies. "I heard it scream twice, right around 3 a.m. It was terrible, just real loud, and the dog went crazy in the house trying to get out."

"I'm sorry, we didn't hear anything," King says.

"Maybe you were too far away. It was right near the house. It just made the hair stand out on the back of my neck."

Visions of Atlantis Refuse to Fade Away

By ROBERT C. COWEN

Christian Science News Service

Of all the legendary worlds of antiquity, only the "lost" land of Atlantis has refused to fade away. It forever is being rediscovered — and then lost again.

Its latest ephemeral appearance was a few hundred kilometers off the Portuguese coast in the direction of Madeira, at a depth of some 3,000 meters.

There, a Soviet oceanographic team took a couple of sea-bottom photographs which the team's leader, A. Aksenov, was quoted as saying showed "vestiges of walls and stairways." He also was quoted as suggesting "it's possible that it's part of Atlantis, maybe not the whole thing, but a part."

The Soviet oceanographers had photographed the Ampere Seamount. The intriguing "ruins" showed up

in a couple of the film's frames.

"One of them shows eight stones — four square ones and four rounded ones, in a line about three and a half or four feet long," Aksenov was quoted as saying, adding that, "Specialists who've looked at it say it's a typical wall from antiquity. The second photo shows three equally spaced stones at the left edge, and it appears to be part of a staircase."

While Western oceanographers were skeptical, the reports raised some public interest last spring. But unhappily for Atlantis fanciers, Aksenov now says the press accounts were a "misunderstanding," according to the journal Nature.

The photos merely show natural formations of Mount Ampere. It would appear that Aksenov, speculating only half-seriously as scientists often do, was taken too much at his word and another vision of Atlantis has faded.

Even the quite serious hypothesis that linked Atlantis to the Aegean island of Thera now looks shaky. The most violent volcanic explosion known occurred here

3,500 years ago.

Some oceanographers and archeologists have suggested that this was responsible for the precipitous, and mysterious, decline of Minoan civilization. The ash fall and accompanying tsunami ("tidal wave") would have affected surrounding islands including Crete, the Minoan center. Atlantis would then be identified with Thera itself. All trace of it would have been wiped out by the eruption.

However, there is a gap of 50 years between the eruption and the Minoan decline. This presents no problem if the eruption really were a series of events over a span of decades. But, as noted last year at an international con-

ference on the subject, it looks as though there was only a single volcanic event.

The identification of Atlantis with Thera doesn't seem quite so plausible now, although, as D.H. Tarling of Britain's University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne noted: "It would be surprising . . . if such a major series of tectonic events should not be directly related to the otherwise puzzling, rapid decline of the Minoan civilization . . ."

Meanwhile, if anyone else rushes forward with a new discovery of Atlantis, one well might emulate the Danish oceanographers who Aksenov said "laughed a lot" when he presented his "ruins" to them.

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Search continues for elusive Sasquatch

By Brian Gory

RCMP and provincial conservation officers are still puzzled as Gypsumville buzzes with eye-witness accounts of a Big Foot in the area.

A ground search by residents of the Little Saskatchewan Indian reserve yesterday failed to produce any further evidence of a Sasquatch, but the search for the elusive beast is to resume today.

"He's out there someplace yet," Hector Shorting, one of five men out in search of Big Foot, said yesterday.

Conservation officers in the town 230 kilometres north of Winnipeg were out again yesterday investigating suspicious footprints.

They already have a plaster imprint, 15-inches by five-inches, of a footprint imbedded in a clay ditch near the Little Saskatchewan reserve. Ten Indians claim to have seen a

black hairy, eight-foot man-beast in the bushes and in a clearing near the reserve Sunday afternoon.

Authorities were not prepared to discount the sighting as a practical joke. "I don't see how it (the footprint) could have been imbedded in the hard mud," one conservation office said. "Where would they (possible practical jokers) get that kind of pressure?"

Footprint imbedded in hard clay

He said the whole area was hard, dry clay and one print, in a ditch-like area, was two inches deep. They also discovered two less obvious prints in the same area.

"Obviously, they saw something," he continued. "They've been known to see monsters in the lake. I'm not a disbeliever and I'm not a believer. Some more prints were reported today and we're going to look at them."

A spokesman for Ashern RCMP, which investigated and conducted a brief search for the creature Sunday, said: "I don't know, I really don't. It's hard to figure. I don't like to say the file is closed. There's concern by some people up there. They act a little afraid."

Occasionally, he said, natives have played practical jokes but there's been nothing like this. He said while Mounties recently searched for drowned boaters, one man was seen lying on the shore. When police reached the site, they found the man was feigning death.

A Gypsumville bartender, Charles Beardy, yesterday offered a possible explanation for the sighting in the woods.

He said a number of native people played a joke on a young man whom they had brought to Gypsumville with them in their car Sunday. They stole his shoes and drove off, forcing him to walk home.

He said the man, about 19 or 20, is shy and wouldn't want to walk down a road where others could see his bare feet, so he probably ran through the woods, 18 kilometres, back to his Lake St. Martin reserve.

But Beardy had no explanation for the large footprints.

People on the reserve are sure there's a Sasquatch in the woods and they've been searching for it since Sunday.

WHATEVER DID MRS. JONES SEE IN THE LAKE?

THE DAY that will live forever in the mind of Mrs. Anne Jones began as she was being driven along a lakeside road.

She was looking out at the flat waters which reflected the Welsh hillside in all its autumn finery when suddenly the surface began to bubble and foam. And out shot something which looked like a huge, humped back creature.

For a few seconds it poised there before Mrs. Jones's started gaze.

Then it vanished back below the deep dark waters of Lake Bala which nestles in the shadows of the Berwyn Mountains and dates back to the Ice Age.

Her sister-in-law, who was driving, had also caught a glimpse of whatever it was out of the corner of her eye.

Thoughts of village gossip and ridicule went through Mrs. Jones's mind over the next few days. Yet she couldn't help mentioning what she had seen as she stood chatting in the greengrocer's store.

Surprise

To her surprise, she wasn't alone in her encounter of the unknown.

For other villagers have now come forward and told their tale of the day they saw *Anghenfil*—the local Welsh name for the monster of the lake.

At her cottage home in Llanuwchllyn, two miles outside Baia, Mr. Jones, 36, a mother of three, said: "I shall never forget it. The sight still haunts me. All I saw was its huge back, and froth boiling around it.

"I wasn't afraid, just curious. My husband wouldn't believe me. Now I know I am not alone in what I have seen. I feel better."

Sightings have occurred regularly over the past 12

by ANDREW CHAPMAN

years. In every case the time, of day, conditions and descriptions of the creature all match.

One of two cousins who saw the monster while on a fishing trip is Mr. John Rowlands, 24, of High Street, Bala. He is the greengrocer whom Mrs. Jones told of her sighting.

He said: "We were fishing on the bank in dead calm water. All of a sudden, the thing reared up and started heading towards us.

"It had a large body, about eight feet long, and a huge head with glaring eyes. Its skin was dark and shiny. It stopped about 15 feet away and stared. We sat mesmerised.

"It stayed motionless for a good half minute or so before disappearing into the deep at an incredible speed."

At the water's edge just outside Bala is the lake warden's hut. There, Mr. Dewi Bowen, 56, said: "My deputy and I were having our morning cup of tea and peering out of the window. Something stirred about 40 yards out.

"We both saw what looked like a creature with two long humps in its back cruising slowly on the calm surface.

"Loch Ness is reputed to have a monster. Why not Lake Bala? They were both formed in the same way, by a huge ice sheet."

Lake Bala may have its very own Loch Ness-type monster. Several sightings have been reported over the years, of an unusual creature in the deep dark waters of Llyn Tegid, the Welsh name for the picturesque four-mile-long lake nestling in the shadow of the Berwyn Mountains. Two women driving past the lake saw the surface of the water begin to bubble and froth. One of them thought she saw some sort of creature, but by the time they stopped the car it was gone. Bala greengrocer Mr. John Rowlands saw a strange creature in the lake, which is 150ft deep at its centre. He and his cousin were fishing at the water's edge when they saw something swimming towards them. "It had a large head like a football and rather big eyes. We could see the body which was nearly 8ft long. "It wasn't aggressive at all. It swam towards us to

within a few yards and then turned and disappeared," Mr. Rowlands said. Friends and neighbours were naturally dubious when they heard the tale, but since then others claimed to have seen the "monster". Mr. Rowlands said two anglers said they had encountered a creature so big it could have overturned their 10ft fishing boat. "I wouldn't say I had seen a monster, it was just a large being. But I have caught some rather big pike in the lake before now and it was bigger than any of those," said Mr. Rowlands. And he can only come up with one explanation. "During the first world war they used to use live seals in the lake for submarine detection training. I don't know the lifespan of a seal, but that is the only thing the creature resembles. Its skin had a black shiny surface."

Mystery of 'monster' sightings at Lake Bala



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George Eberhart . . . librarian is a master of the unusual

Now THAT'S Weird

100,000 Strange Happenings Fill Lawrence Librarian's Book

By Dick Haws

LAWRENCE, Kan. — George Eberhart is one of the lucky few who apparently have found ways to make indelible marks on life. He'll leave behind something more than a mere footprint in the sands of time.

In Eberhart's case, the mark will be a 1,100-page book, made up of almost 100,000 entries, and it will establish him as one of the leading authorities on weird happenings on the North American continent.

For example, from Eberhart's book, readers will learn that:

- A rotating tombstone was reported in Harrisonville in 1898.
- A phantom helicopter was seen in Lane, Kan., in 1975.
- A kangaroo was reported near Abilene, Kan., along Interstate 70, in 1965.
- Explosive hail reportedly fell on Columbia, Mo., in 1911.
- A graduate engineer reportedly saw an unidentified flying object near Manhattan, Kan., in 1972.
- Cattle mutilations were reported near Kingman, Kan., in 1967.

Eberhart, a reference librarian at the University of Kansas School of Law, has titled this labor of love a *Geobibliography of Anomalies*.

When published next year by Greenwood Press of Westport, Conn., *Anomalies* will become the first comprehensive bibliography of published accounts of mysterious

events, conditions, behaviors and discoveries in North America.

Was it difficult to sell Greenwood on publishing such a book? "They very readily accepted," Eberhart says.

Anomalies is the kind of book that will be able to handle a question like:

Has there ever been a plague of snakes reported in Chadwick, Mo.?

The answer: Yes, in 1965, and you can read about it in the November 1965 issue of *Fate* magazine.

Altogether, *Anomalies* will list an estimated 60,000 places across the continent where mysterious events have been reported, dating from antiquity to April 1979, when Eberhart began typing the manuscript.

The book will contain a chapter on each state, and dozens of these strange incidents have Kansas and Missouri origins. Eberhart's book is made up of incidents that fall into four broad categories:

- Phenomena accepted, but not completely understood, by 20th century scientists, such as certain kinds of lightning.
- Phenomena not accepted by science but still relatively understandable, such as lake monsters or humanoids.
- Phenomena not accepted by science that indicate the presence of other realities, such as UFOs or the survival of consciousness after death.
- Historical and archaeological mysteries, such as

conspiracy theories about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Eberhart calls his book "interdisciplinary," and says it will serve well the broad range of serious students who want to find out what has been published about everything from fish and frogs falling from the sky to phantom kangaroos in Chicago, UFOs, bird attacks, river monsters, humanoids, and on and on.

The 29-year-old Eberhart isn't exactly a novice when it comes to the world of anomalies. He became captivated by anomalies as a youngster after reading about the abominable snowman, and that fascination has occupied almost all of his spare time since. He even has been to Scotland to aid in the search for the Loch Ness monster.

Reports of mysterious happenings show some regional distinctions, Eberhart says. For example, humanoids are most commonly reported in the Pacific Northwest, where Big Foot is supposed to live, and in Florida, which reportedly has a host of Swamp Slobs crashing about in the Everglades.

In the Midwest, Eberhart says, reports of phantom panthers are fairly common. The panthers usually are black, with glowing red eyes, and they sometimes are seen to stand up on their hind legs, growl, and disappear, leaving behind only a couple of tracks.

Eberhart says he doesn't believe everything he is listing in his book, but he describes himself as open-minded.

Eberhart recalled the lesson mankind learned from meteorites.

Before the 19th century, reports of rocks falling from the sky were labeled "malarky."

It wasn't until after 1800 that scientists determined that yes, indeed, rocks — in the form of meteorites — did sometimes fall from the sky.

"If I was doing this book in 1750," Eberhart says, "I would have included rocks falling from the sky in it."

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Iowa man sees a 'Bigfoot'

ADEL, Iowa (UPI) — A Minburn area resident told the Dallas County sheriff's office late Thursday he saw a creature near his house that fitted the description of the legendary Bigfoot.

The sheriff's office said Larry Wilson, who lives on a seven-acre farm, told them his two dogs began barking about 9 p.m. and he later went out to investigate.

Wilson said he did not see anything at first, but later saw a creature pass beneath a security light in his yard.

The sheriff's office said Wilson described the creature as a "hunched over, dark thing."

Sheriff's officers went to the home and found foot-long trampled prints in the grass. They said the strides were "48 inches from head to toe." However, they found no other signs of the creature.

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Bigfoot Reported In South Dakota

RAUVILLE, S.D. (AP) — If Bigfoot is supposed to inhabit the Pacific Northwest, how come South Dakota has so many sightings?

The latest sighting comes from about 6 miles north of Watertown, although earlier this month, reports from the Brookings area indicated the presence of a smaller, ape-like creature. Over the past year or two, reports have filtered out of McLaughlin that Bigfoot or Sasquatch was roaming around in that territory.

But on Monday, the Watertown area was added to the locales where an odd creature was hiding out.

Witnesses discredit the idea that the

latest report might be the so called "little foot" reported around Brookings. They say it's almost twice as big — 4-5 feet and dark black in color.

Codington County sheriff's deputies and conservation officers accompanied two witnesses to a barn at an abandoned farmstead near Rauville where strange noises and odd smells were noticed. But, the search proved fruitless.

"It was about 5 feet high but had dark red eyes," said the witness, who asked to remain anonymous. "My wife and I were driving along U.S. Highway 81 when we saw him sitting down with his legs spread out."

Another mutilation of cow reported in County Monday

Another cow mutilation in Van Buren County was reported Monday morning, Sheriff Gus Anglin reported. He said that a Hereford weighing about 800 pounds and belonging to E. K. Griggs was reported found about 10 a.m.

The cow had been dragged across a fence and into a wooded area adjoining the pasture where it was supposed to be, the sheriff said. He said that one eye was removed and the other had been cut, the tongue was removed and the anus was cut out and removed. He added that the carcass was sent to Little Rock to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Laboratory for a complete autopsy.

The Griggs farm is located on Highway 95 in the Walnut Grove Community west of Clinton. The cow was found about 300 yards from the highway.

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Police watch 'classic' cattle mutilation

By RENE HAINES-SAINE

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

SPRINGDALE — The cattle mutilation mystery plaguing cattlemen and public officials has apparently been solved with a simple experiment conducted by two Arkansas State Police officers last month.

Sgts. Rick O'Kelley and Doug Fogley, principal investigators of the unexplained cattle deaths for the state police, actually watched a "classic" cattle mutilation take place, and photographed the incident to verify their findings.

Neither aliens nor fanatical cults mutilated the cattle; flies and buzzards did.

Since April 1978, there have been 39 reports of unexplained cattle deaths in Arkansas. State authorities were confused by the way in which the cattle were mutilated, and theories about the deaths offered answers like flying saucers or mysterious cults.

Officials announced that all the blood was first removed and that sexual organs were removed with "surgical precision." Burns had been caused by laser beams; strange blue light emanated from photos of the dead animals. Tongues and eyes were completely cut out. Drugs were found in the animals.

Jack Perry, a Northwest Arkansas rancher, lost three calves to "classic" mutilations. Concerned about the loss, he donated a sick cow to the state police officers for their experiment.

On Sept. 4, the cow was "put to sleep" with drugs. The animal was then simply left in the field. Almost 33 hours later, a "classic" mutilation had occurred.

"Eighteen hours later (than the time the cow was killed), the eye was a bubbling mass," Fogley said, showing the results of their experiments with color slides taken of the animal.

"The tip of the tongue was gone, and the anus was already cored by blow flies," he said. "See the

buzzard feather nearby? There were buzzards in the trees."

The anus that some authorities had stated was removed with "surgical precision" had already been removed by blow flies. Slides Fogley had made of prior "classic" mutilation cases that focused on the removed anuses appeared identical to the slide made of the experimental mutilation.

"The eyes were completely gone an hour later," Fogley said.

Thirty-three hours after the cow had been killed, gases inside the body had "bloomed" the animal and caused so much pressure that the gases "forced the bladder, uterus and part of the small intestine out through the vaginal opening," Fogley said.

The organs were quickly "cleaned up" by nearby buzzards.

"The eyes were completely gone, leaving dry sockets. The blood was turning purplish," he said. The external sexual organs had been removed by the predators. A few hours later the blood disappeared.

"Rigor mortis had already set in. It causes the muscles to tense," he said, so that contractions cause the uneaten part of the tongue to be drawn back into the throat.

Incidentally, one photograph showed signs of a strange, blue light emanating from the animal, almost identical to the strange, blue light pointed out in a picture of a previous cattle mutilation incident.

"It was a lens reflection," O'Kelley, who had snapped the picture, said. "There's nothing mysterious about that." He moved a few feet and the glare disappeared in the next photograph.

A white, powdery substance was photographed on the hide of the animal during the experiment. Earlier reports had concluded that the substance might be plaster.

Fogley said he had the powder found on the experimental animal analyzed, as well as the powder found on recent cattle that had been mutilated in the same way. The substance had been analyzed as dried buzzard feces.

Like other "classic" mutilations, the blood had disappeared from the animal's body, Fogley said. "It dissipates into the system after a few hours," he said, a natural phenomenon that occurs in human beings as well. He said he verified the explanation with area veterinarians.

Fogley said the slides were shown to representatives of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association and nearby farmers and ranchers.

"Since we gave a presentation Sept. 6, there have been no reported cattle mutilations in Washington County," O'Kelley said.

Fogley added he had recently talked to scientists about the "laser beam" theory. One animal had been found last year with burn marks around the eye sockets and mouth.

"That (mutilation) was deliberate," he said, possibly done by "copy cat killers," those who perform similar acts after reading news accounts of strange killings.

The scientist, he said, told him that a laser beam had been suggested as a possible cause for the burn marks, because of the thin "bead" that was probably used to produce the marks. "An acetylene torch could do it," Fogley said the scientist told him. "So why not an acetylene torch?"

Fogley also investigated a horse that had been discovered with two drugs inside its body. He said he discovered that the horse had been "gelded" the previous day, accounting for the presence of the drugs commonly used for animal castration.

There are still some unanswered questions, Fogley said. He said the experiment could show how the "classic" mutilation was performed in about 95 percent of the cases. In the other 5 percent, Fogley said some may have been the work of copy cat killers.

He said he has not abandoned the theory that cults have been performing some of the mutilations to use the organs in their religious rites.

Cattle mutilation theory fails to satisfy doubters

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Reactions have ranged from finger-pointing to outright disbelief over the relatively simple explanation proposed for "classic" cattle mutilations Wednesday by the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

An experiment performed at a

Washington County ranch last month showed that the culprits had been flies and buzzards — not UFOs or witchcraft cults, which other authorities have been offering as possible causes for the more than 39 reports of unexplained cattle deaths in Arkansas since April 1978.

In the experiment, Sgt. Rick O'Kelley, a Washington County

deputy sheriff, periodically photographed the carcass of a sick cow that had been intentionally killed and left in a field.

Sgt. Doug Fogley, a state police investigator who presented the findings, said flies, buzzards and natural phenomena accounted for 95

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percent of the reported mutilations.
Contacted late Thursday, Don
Rystrom, for war Benton County
deputy sheriff who had been a
principal investigator in the cattle
mutilations, said of the experiment:
"I thought it was a bunch of
bullshit."

Rystrom said he was told by
others involved with the experiment
that "they didn't find out a thing."

Fogley said he had "no reaction"
to Rystrom's comments. He said
Rystrom had never talked to any of
the people involved in the
experiment.

"We're going along with
Sergeant Fogley's research," Jim
Sanders, executive vice president of
the Arkansas Cattlemen's
Association, said Thursday.

Sanders said presentations of the
experiment will be made to
association members within the next
few months.

Norman Gray, president of the
Arkansas Veterinary Medical
Association, said he had tried a few
months ago to explain that natural
predators were the cause for the
"classic" cattle mutilations.

"I could never get a couple of
deputy sheriffs to understand that,"
he said. He would not name the
deputies.

Dr. Gary White, an Ozark
veterinarian, disagreed with the
experiment's findings.

"I'm sure they're trying to calm
fears up there," White said
Thursday, "but I'm quite sure of
what I saw."

White said he has conducted a
number of autopsies on mutilated
cattle from the Ozark area.

Although he said "a good
percentage" of mutilations were
caused by predators, two carcasses
he autopsied were "done by someone
skilled, someone with sharp
instruments.

"I've seen a lot of predator-eaten
animals," he said, insisting that the
two he autopsied were mutilated
with surgical precision.

White said he based his report of
surgical precision on the appearance
of the remains.

White also disagreed with the
part of the experiment that
photographed the animal's internal
organs pushed out of the body by the
pressure of internal gases.

"I never saw one do that," he
said. "I'm not saying that it couldn't
happen, but I've not ever seen the
reproductive tract prolapse (be
expelled)."

White said he would "like to write
it off as predators," but that some
cattle are being mutilated by human
beings.

"I don't know who or why, but it
was done by humans," he said.

Jim Cornelius, a veterinary
diagnostician for the Livestock &
Poultry Commission, said earlier
reports of surgical precision were
based on eyewitnesses.

Fogley had complained earlier
that it was almost impossible for the
"untrained eye" to be able to
determine if a carcass was cut with
surgical precision.

Interviews with two different

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Two sightings spark renewed effort to snare wily Big Foot

By Bob Cheshire

Two more reported Sasquatch sightings yesterday plus national media attention and speculation of the worth of such a creature if it were captured are adding fire to the search for the elusive beast in the Gypsumville area.

Search organizer Clifford Shorting said two independent sightings of a Big Foot were made between 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. yesterday in an area about 10 kilometres east of Gypsumville. Gypsumville is about 230 kilometres northwest of Winnipeg.

"We have reason to believe he is still here. We'll try again," Shorting said, following a day-long search yesterday.

Shorting said despite financial restraints, men will continue the search today for what observers have described as an eight-foot tall, hairy, humanoid type creature first seen in the area last Sunday.

Wants tranquilizer gun

Shorting is coming to Winnipeg in the hopes of obtaining a tranquilizer rifle to use in order to capture the creature alive.

A six-man search party armed with rifles and shotguns failed yesterday to turn up any new traces of the creature. But about five miles from the searchers, two additional sightings about two miles apart were made, Shorting said.

The searchers have yet to locate caves which older members of the

Little Saskatchewan Indian reserve say are located near Gypsumville. Shorting said the men plan to enlist the aid of some of the older members of the reserve today to locate the caves where they think the creature may be living.

Running out of money

But a shortage of money is hampering the search. Shorting said he has spent about \$200 chartering aircraft and purchasing gas to search the bushland area. And he speculates the other searchers have probably spent about the same amount. Funds for the search are running low, he added.

He questioned the lack of support area conservation officers have given efforts to track down the creature. Area conservation officers could not be reached for comment.

Shorting said the sighting has garnered national media attention, and he has had talks with the *Toronto Star* about possible financial assistance to further the search.

He said that even though the creature would be worth a lot of money if captured alive, he does not know if the men would be able to handle a Big Foot standing about eight feet tall and weighing an estimated 400 pounds or more.

But Shorting was undaunted by the possible danger. "I guess if a guy caught it, he could pretty well name his price."

authorities Thursday provide an example of how such findings can be reported.

Bill Tomlinson, a Van Buren County deputy sheriff, said Thursday that he had discovered a cow's carcass showing the signs of a "classic" cattle mutilation last week.

"Last Monday we found one that was not dead six hours," he said. "It looked like precision instruments."

After being told about the Washington County experiment, he disagreed that buzzards and flies accounted for the "surgical precision" of the removal of the eye and anus.

Tomlinson said the cow was sent to the Livestock and Poultry Commission for an autopsy.

Cornelius said Thursday that his autopsy revealed no signs of surgical precision being used. "We saw some

rent-like areas," he said. "Apparently, a wild animal did it."

The cow had died of anaplasmosis, he said, a parasitic disease "that commonly affects cattle in Arkansas."

Cornelius said veterinarians in the state who had issued earlier reports of cattle mutilations during the past few years "probably got kind of carried away" by publicity surrounding the unexplained deaths.

"I've said 'surgical precision,' but that could be done by a coyote or buzzard," he said. "A coyote can cut something out with the precision of a surgical instrument."

O'Kelley said Monday that the experiment would probably not convince everybody that most of the mutilations were caused by natural predators.

"Prior to this people were not concerned about cattle deaths," he said.