

THE NIGHT MUTILATORS

The horrifying story
of cattle mutilations
and the UFO connection

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Foreword

In one estimate, over 7,000 cases of cattle mutilation were found in the U.S. since 1975. The following facts have been gleaned from evidence collected so far:

It has been observed that predatory animals will not approach any mutilated carcasses.

Blood is rarely found at the site of dead animals.

No traces of knife marks are found on the flesh underneath when whole sections of skin were removed.

At times the animals have been found on their backs with all four legs extended in an upright position. This is an unnatural position.

No evidence was ever found that a tranquilizer gun was used to paralyze the victim in the majority of cases examined.

No one has been able to explain the attacks satisfactorily.

Over 100 head of cattle were slain in Kansas and Nebraska in 1974 before the phenomenon moved into Colorado.

In Day County, South Dakota, 27 cattle were killed between Sept. 1 and Nov. 9, 1974 under similar circumstances.

Cattle mutilations were first heard of in the western U.S. in the early 1960's. The first official

report was made in Colorado. Two of that state's counties, Elbert had 82 mutilations and Logan with 87. This information appeared in the Gazette Telegraph, Colorado Springs, on Feb. 9, 1978.

The butchering of animals indiscriminately is not necessarily a recent phenomenon. American Indians found buffalos dismembered during the American Revolution years. Similar reports have been made from different countries throughout the world.

The Manchester Guardian printed on April 24, 1977, a story about nearly 100 ewes and wild animals being killed in a three-week period in an area in eastern France, situated near the village of Rambervilliers. No one knows if the killer was an animal or a human. One of the victims was a 300-pound deer.

In the Bungoma District, Kenya, Africa, about 300 miles west of Nairobi, something has been killing hundreds of goats, sheep, calves and dogs in an area of about 50 square miles between Mayanja-Kibabii and Sang'alo. Some villagers believe that the "killer beast" was set free from a cage by Asians fleeing neighboring Uganda after Pres. Idi Amin's expulsion order in 1972. (Source: Times Herald, Dallas, Tex., Mar. 22, 1974)

In Barcelos, Brazil, around 1970, 15 children, seven pigs and two cows vanished from a farm during a UFO flap.

Charles Fort, in his book "Lo!" relates a number of animal mutilations dating from the 1800's. Chapters 13 and 14 cover this area nicely.

For instance, Fort writes that in May, 1810, something killed sheep, sometimes seven or eight a night at Ennerdale, near the border of England and Scotland. It bit the jugular vein and sucked the blood.

On January 8, 1874, and continuing for four months, a killer was slaying up to 30 sheep a night in

Cavan, Ireland.

In 1905, the London Daily Mail, Nov. 1, featured "The sheep-slaying mystery of Badminton." Blood was sucked and flesh was almost untouched.

The London Daily Express, Oct. 14, 1925, stated that the district of Edale, Derbyshire, fell victim to its sheep being slaughtered, carcasses were scattered about, legs, shoulders and heads torn off, flesh ripped and backs broken. Dogs, wolves and jackals were all blamed for the killings.

John Keel, reporting in Timothy Green Beckley's former newsletter, Searchlight, revealed two cases he uncovered while researching in the Ohio Valley area. The first was about a registered nurse who lived alone on a farm near Gallipolis, Ohio. Sometime during the summer of 1967 she saw luminous UFOs hovering above her pastures at treetop level on several nights. Later she had found some of her animals slaughtered. One night she chased a male figure dressed in coveralls in her field and the man fled in a hurry, leaping over a high fence with ease. Cow carcasses were found to have been butchered expertly and no blood was present.

Some months later in Allentown, Pa., several cows were slain, parts of hide were removed, and all blood and bone marrow was missing. A veterinarian ruled out the possibility of wild animals or insects being responsible for the attack.

Gallipolis was the scene for yet another tragedy in November, 1975. It seems that a German shepherd dog was found dead by his master, William Watson, lying in the middle of an isolated field. A perfect circle was found to be impressed in the tall grass where the dog's body was found. The circle was about 70 feet in diameter.

On the night of Aug. 18, 1977, interference on a TV set interrupted the viewing of a Grande Ronde

Valley, Oregon, resident. The viewer got up to adjust the set and saw out the window a bright, round, white light in the sky hovering over the upper end of 12th Street.

Five days earlier, a heifer was mutilated on the Rayburn farm. Nancy Rayburn said the cows were 'spooked' and wouldn't let anyone near them. They had torn out a large section of the fence and were scattered into the neighboring field. One calf was reported missing.

In Union County, New Mexico, Deputy Leroy Howard investigated the death of a steer belonging to Forest Atchley. His brother had seen a bright light in the sky about 5 a.m. The mutilated steer was found about noon the same day. (Source: The Observer, LaGrande, Oregon.)

Robert Gribble, who runs the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., is said to have a report on "white lights" seen east of Everett, Wash., in the month of March, 1977. "It seemed there was a landing there of some kind," Gribble was quoted as saying. That same night, a steer was mutilated and was found the next night. A veterinarian said it was not predators and that he could not duplicate the mutilation with any instruments with which he was familiar.

John Keel, in his book Strange Creatures From Time and Space, tells about a farmer in Isola, Italy, who said three dwarfs in metallic diving suits stole several rabbits on Nov. 14, 1954. A bright cigar-shaped vehicle had landed nearby at the time. The little men took his rabbits to the craft and flew away.

A UFO researcher from Denver, Colorado in company with an associate, interviewed Dr. L. Rieke, a veterinarian in Sterling, the scene for many mutilation cases. The doctor told them that another veterinarian, Dr. Wm. Fanning who worked for the government, had shown an interest in the mutilations* and subsequently received orders to practice in Hartford, Conn. The reason given for the transfer, according to Dr. Rieke was that the cattle mutilations were "none of his business."

* mutilations

Dr. Rieke revealed some startling information about his own experiences inasmuch as he picked up a heart of a cow at a death site and it disintegrated in his hands right before his eyes.

A bizarre incident was described to the Denver investigator by a rancher from the Sterling, Colo. area in which a man radioed in on his mobile C.B. that he was observing a cattle mutilation in progress. Later that night, he was found hung by his neck from a tree with barbed wire.

Puerto Rico's northern area has also been the scene of many cows and smaller creatures such as chickens, goats and pigs being mutilated.

And in England, according to a report in the National Enquirer in March, 1979, eight animals in Cornwall were slaughtered at Newquay Zoo. The slayings were so bizarre that it was obvious to investigators that "no normal human" could be held responsible. All animals were beheaded and completely drained of blood but were also radioactively contaminated. One wallaby (the Kangaroo family) was lifted over its enclosure and across several five-foot-tall fences without disturbing anything. Derek Mansell, senior research officer for Awareness Magazine, Wheatley, Oxfordshire, commented, "No human could have lifted the animals, particularly wallabies, from the enclosures without leaving a sign."

In most cases of animal deaths of this sort, no tracks or evidence of a struggle are ever found. Phantom helicopters piloted by fanatics are suggested as the means of getting to and from the scenes of the crime without leaving evidence of a visit. Is some kind of covering material used to avoid showing tracks or footprints? And it has happened in all kinds of weather conditions too. Who has the money to finance such ventures?

Most of the investigations are done by cattlemen and their associations west of the Mississippi River.

A "hotline" in Paris, Texas, serves investigative teams who can be flown within 48 hours after word of a mutilation has taken place.

It is interesting to note that just as a UFO flap was in progress across the U.S. in 1973, mutilations became a common occurrence in Kansas. Then into Nebraska until the fall of 1974. From there South Dakota and Minnesota were hit. Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Montana, Utah, Oklahoma and Missouri followed in close order in 1975.

Is the U.S. government involved? Authorities and investigators who have given this question much thought say they can't really get involved in the situation because that would be admitting that UFOs exist and this would reverse the attitude they've been trying to instill in the people that UFOs don't exist.

Since this subject of the mutilations is so mystifying and intriguing, Carol Johnson, associate producer of a two-hour movie documentary titled, "UFOs, Past, Present and Future," has done extensive research on cow mutilations. She figures somewhere between 3,000 and 10,000 mutilations occurred nationally the past few years, but the figures varied depending on whom she talked to.

Johnson states, "For it to go on for that length of time, that number of mutilations, if it were humans, there would have to be some percentage point of human error -- and it hasn't happened yet."

All of which brings us to the biggest question on the minds of many concerned with the mutilations, if it's animals now, will it be humans next?

Although we have tried to stick to only cattle mutilations and UFO activity where both appear to be linked, there is one feature that has a striking similarity and that is cattle rustling. A common technique is to steal calves in a pickup truck or trailer, sell them quickly at a cattle auction, or to butcher the animal in

in a field and freeze them for personal use.

The Christian Science Monitor in an article in their March 30, 1979 issue states there was a sharp upturn in livestock thefts since the beginning of 1979. In Texas, rustling has been running 75% higher than the same period a year ago. It has doubled in California during the same period of time. In Texas and Oklahoma, close to 15,000 head of cattle are reported lost or stolen each year according to Cullen Robinson, an official with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. California cattlemen reported more than 3,000 animals lost or stolen in 1978, which was more than 500 from 1977.

Robert Radke, chief brand inspector for North Dakota, expects cattle stealing "to get considerably worse," in 1979. Higher beef prices are said to be the cause.

"There has also been a sizable increase in road slaughter," says O.W. Hooton, chief of the California Bureau of Livestock Identification. As in the mutilation cases, cattlemen's associations are urged to set up "rural patrols" where ranchers take turns voluntarily driving around back roads with large patrol insignia pasted to their car's sides.

Perhaps in the near future cattle ranchers will take a cue from a new device being tested in Australia. According to a science item appearing in the Toronto Globe & Mail, April 9, 1979, an electronic system for quick and easy identification of cattle allows for information to be recorded up to 98 feet from a cow or herd of cows wearing the electronic gear. The research program began with the use of 3,000 animals. Cattlemen in the U.S. and elsewhere who have lost animals to mutilators within close proximity to their houses should be especially interested in results of this new device.

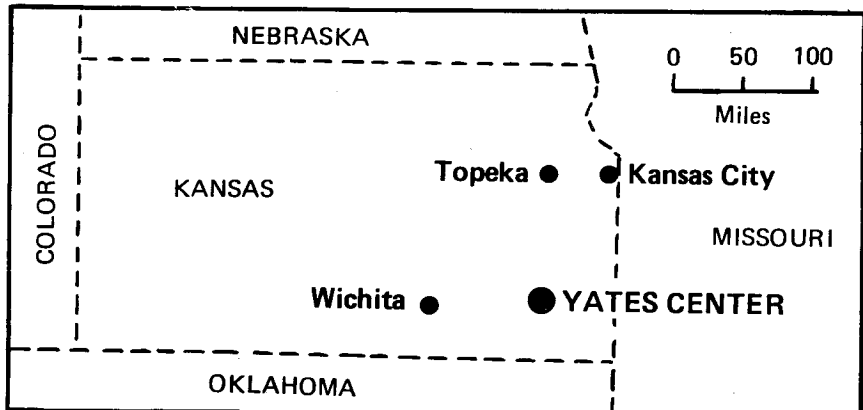
Yates Center pickup

One of the earliest documented cases of a mutilated cow happened on April 19, 1897. Around 10:30 p.m., a farmer from Yates Center, Kansas, heard his cattle making a commotion. When the farmer, Alexander Hamilton, went to investigate, he saw an unbelievable sight. In his own words printed in the Yates Center Farmers' Advocate, April 23, he was quoted as seeing "an air-ship slowly descending upon my cow lot about 40 rods from the house."

The object was described as cigar-shaped, about 300 feet long and a brilliantly lit undercarriage caught his eye. There were six occupants, a turbine wheel revolved slowly underneath and a light beam was trained upon him as he watched. Then a buzzing sound was heard and the craft started to rise into the air.

When it rose about 300 feet, it hovered over one of Hamilton's two-year-old heifers. A cable was looped around its neck and the animal was lifted off the ground. The craft flew off to the northwest. The next day, Hamilton learned that a neighbor found the head, legs and hide of his heifer butchered in his field.

In a sworn statement, Hamilton said, "I don't know whether they are devils or angels, or what, but we all saw them, and my whole family saw the ship, and I don't want any more to do with them."



Big Mama

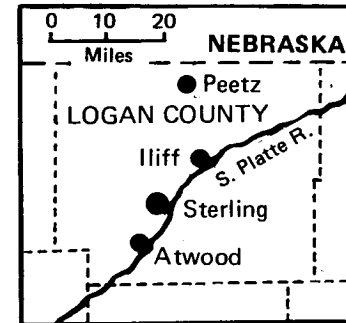
More than six dozen cows, a bull, a steer and a horse were mutilated in the past few years in Logan County, Colorado, according to Undersheriff Jerry Wolever.

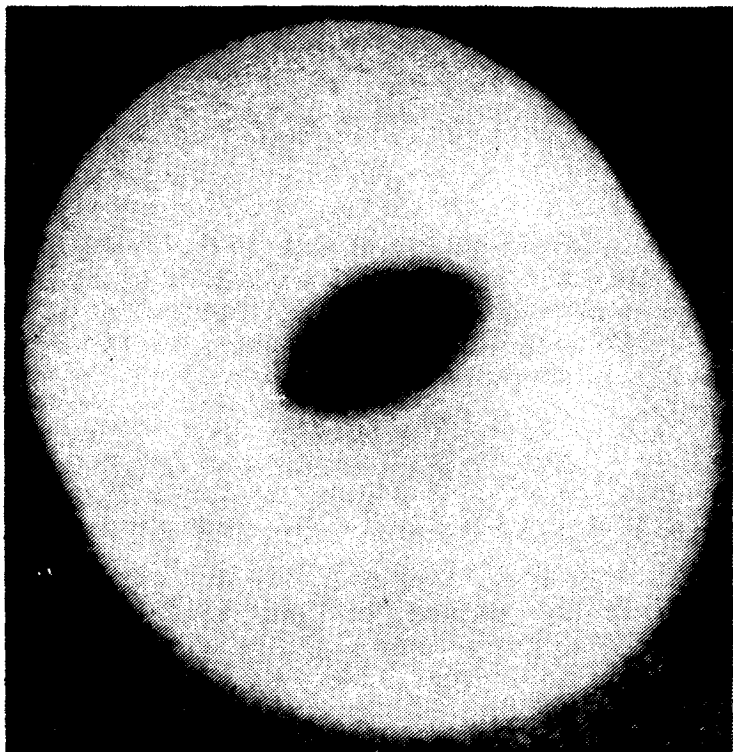
Sheriff Harry Graves, of Sterling, Colo., says, "There is a very definite connection between the lights and the mutilations because each time we've had a mutilation the lights have been seen."

Again, the eyes, tongues, ears and sex organs had been surgically removed, baffling veterinarians who were called in for answers. To make things more mysterious, there usually were no visible tire tracks or footprints of any kind. There was no sign that the damage was caused by predators.

What is unusual is the appearance of "Big Mama", a star-like object that hovers in the night sky for up to an hour and a half and then takes off like a shot. Witnesses have seen as many as three smaller bright objects emerge from the underside of Big Mama. Later on they rejoin Mama after having flown around for awhile. Big Mama has been chased by a plane and cars but no one ever got close enough for a really good look.

There were only two cases where strange, pod-like indentations were found in the ground. One was found by Sheriff Graves at a site just southwest of Sterling. The other was on the ranch of Richard Gillham who lives in Peetz. He found some four-inch diameter circles





A Colorado photographer took this photo of Big Mama showing it in a round shape.

in a triangle formation about five feet apart where a cow was mutilated. At this point the ground was very hard so whatever made the depressions had to have a lot of weight.

Frank Zink, a rancher from Iliff, has lost 11 animals so far.

Big Mama has been compared to a pencil eraser and her little one to the size of a pin head. You can be looking at the stars and suddenly Big Mama will be there.

Capt. Keith Wolverton of the Cascade County Sheriff's Dept. in Great Falls, Montana, has watched Big Mama on radar, just hanging there at 21,000 feet and in 3½ seconds she rose to 44,000 feet. No helicopter in the U.S. can move so fast.

THREE APPARITIONS

One of the more mysterious incidents involved three cattle mutilations at a feedlot seven miles southwest of Sterling in the first week of August, 1976.

On successive nights three animals died and were disfigured with no clues left behind. Two cowhands staked out the feedlot for the next two nights, sitting atop a grain elevator.

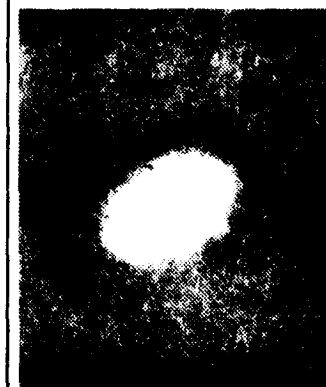
About 4 a.m. the second night, the area was well lit when they saw three "humanlike figures" go over the feedlot fence, but they seemed to glide, and not move like humans.

After calling the sheriff's office, two cars of officers appeared six minutes later but the "figures" were nowhere to be found.

No cars were in the area in which they could have escaped. The ground was muddy from rain, but no footprints were found leading to the fence and there was no mud on the fence where they climbed over.

BRIGHT LIGHTS & A DEAD HEIFER

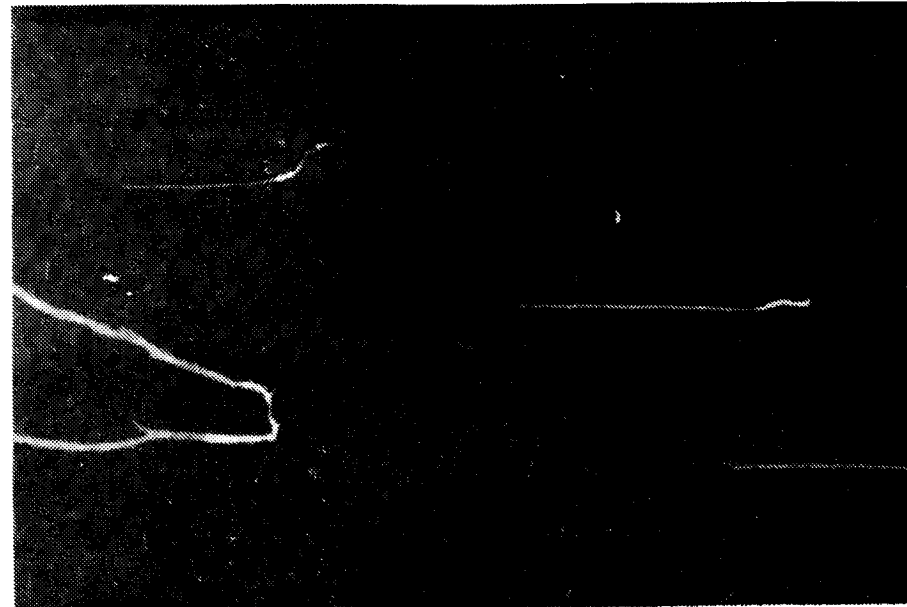
Sheriff Graves says there are now 86 confirmed cases of cattle mutilations in Logan County since 1975 with the death of a two-year-old heifer on Oct. 5, 1978. The latest casualty was 13 miles southeast of Sterling. The Sheriff arrived



A series of 3 photos of Big Mama as taken by Bill Jackson, a photographer for The Greeley Tribune, Greeley, Colorado.

The Logan County UFO

Bill Jackson, reporter for the Sterling Journal-Advocate, took these photographs for the Gazette-Telegraph during December, 1976 and January and February, 1977. He used a Pentax Honeywell camera SP 1000 and Kodak 2475 high speed film with 1250mm and 260mm lenses with various time exposures.



Above: Big Mama creates a double streak while her babies create single lines as they move away from the area.



Right: The UFO appears as an elongated light in a 15-30 second time exposure.

only hours after the 800-pound animal died. The animal's left eye, left ear, half of its tongue, upper left lip, part of its nose and three teats from the udder were severed with surgical precision. The reproductive organs and rectal area were not touched. The blood was still in the body, an unusual situation since the mutilators generally remove all the blood.

The Sheriff noted that at about the same time the Angus was killed, there were two separate reports of large brilliant lights that suddenly appeared and reportedly followed four Logan County residents.

VETERINARIAN DUMBFOUNDED FOR AN ANSWER

Dr. L. Rieke, a veterinarian from Sterling, was perplexed when asked to explain how the uterus of a cow was taken out from behind when he did an autopsy on an animal in Atwood.

Another veterinarian, Dr. Wm. Fanning, has investigated a number of similar incidents and had this to say, "It's very strange, very weird. It may cost us our lives, but one of these days we'll solve this mystery."

CATastrophe

Have the UFO aliens got a full stock of cattle parts? It seems they are now setting their sights on defenseless cats in Palmer Lake, Colorado.

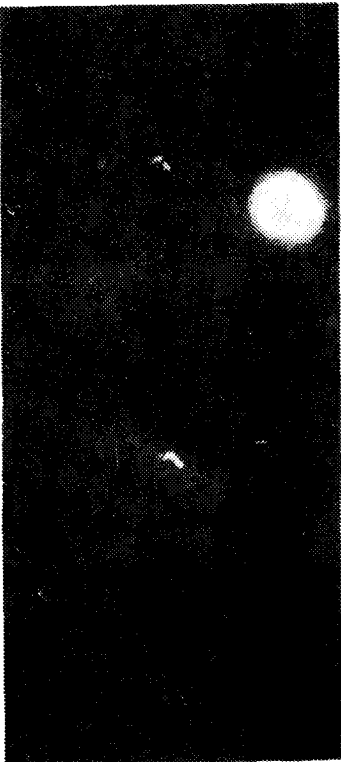
Thirty-one cats, from kittens to fullsize cats disappeared in early 1977 not far from the area where many mutilations took place in Logan County.

No bodies were ever found but numerous UFO sightings were reported at the time when weird, flashing lights were seen in the sky.

Left: A pinwheel effect showing the UFO's motion.

Below left: The object appears as a round light.

Below right: Another photo of the light which has been sighted frequently in Logan County.



Alarmed by the growing number of mutilations in his state since 1975, Gov. Richard Lamm, in 1976 ordered the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to look into the dead cattle reports. There were 203 cases reported in 1975.

Sheriff Graves said one case involved a bull which was mutilated in a water hole. Its tongue, ear and an eye were missing, but the head was submerged. "We must have coyotes with snorkels or they have a hell of a long nose on them," Graves surmised. "And if you look at some of the carcasses, the coyotes must have straight razors for teeth."

Graves said there was a new twist for '76, as patches of skin were now being taken too. "We don't know why they would want a patch of skin. In two of our critters, they have cut into the neck and have taken all the glands."

Graves explained a 'ritual' dance among cattle when one of their ranks is dying. He said they "muzzle the critter, sleep by it, stamp by it. But you don't find this by any of the mutilated animals. You can't even get the rest of the herd to go near it."

In 1975, ranchers armed themselves against an unknown enemy. Rural residents put padlocks on their doors where they never bothered to before. Helicopters with strong beams of light trained on the ground were reported flying over pastureland but in 1976 the furor died down although the mystery still was unresolved.

Sheriff Graves related one case where all the cow's teeth had been cut with surgical precision. To those that believe it was the work of predators, Graves replies, "There's a coyote in northeastern Colorado wearing a necklace made from cow's teeth. On the other hand, maybe he collected the teeth to take back to his dentistry class."

UFOS AND HAIKY CREATURES

Capt. Keith Wolverton has studied reports of large, hair-covered creatures which have been sighted in the vicinity where airborne objects, which emit a bright, pulsating light, have appeared to land. He is trying to determine if there is any correlation

between these creatures, the UFOs and the cattle mutilations reported by alarmed cattlemen.

Wolverton said the airborne objects, which have been seen at distances as near as 300 yards by residents and law enforcement authorities, have been described as being as small as 15 feet in diameter to as large as a two-story building with several rows of windows. He said they have emitted an extremely bright light, have been seen on the ground, flying at a low altitude and hovering over the ground. "We have been hampered in our investigation because of the roughness of the terrain where these objects and creatures have been sighted and also because of the sparse population in the area," he said.

Missouri madness

Six cows, drained of all blood, their eyes, ears, tongue and sex organs surgically removed were discovered in the small farming community of Elsberry, Missouri.

Coyotes and buzzards who are usually attracted to dead animals would not go near the carcasses. To add to the mystery, all the animals were killed inside areas that were fenced. No sign of intruders was discovered by police.

UFO activity was reported by residents of the Elsberry area at the time of the mutilations.

On June 8, Forrest Gladney discovered a dead calf in his pasture and on the evening of the 9th, he and his family saw a glowing orange UFO as big as the moon. Later that night, two more bright lights appeared. The three lights pulsed as if signaling each other. It was noted that scavengers did not touch the dead calf's body even two days after it was found.

On June 16, the son of Mrs. M.L. Hagemeyer saw a bright, red-orange light making a half circle around their farm. He had never seen anything like it before and it was also noiseless as it flew in the air. The next day a mutilated cow and calf were found on the farm.

Dead cows were found on three farms on June 17. On June 18, bright UFOs were reported over Elsberry.

Manford Hammond, a water superintendent, saw a UFO



on the 18th that looked like what you would get if you put one saucer on top of another face to face.

On the same night, Mrs. Gail Gilchrist saw through her binoculars a triangle of small lights with a flashing red, blue and green UFO in the centre.

The cattle mutilations started on April 26, 1978 on the farm of John Mayes. City Marshal John Livengood described a typical carcass, "The ears were neatly sliced off, and the genitals, or in the case of cows, the udders were carefully cut off in such a way as to leave the intestines exposed but still in place. And there never was any blood."

Livengood is also a hunter and trapper and described how a predator ate. He said a coyote would start at one end and chew right through. It can't slice off parts of the animal and not touch the intestines.

Mrs. Margaret Watts, editor of The Elsberry Democrat, has also seen the lights in the sky through a telescope. She saw an orange light which separated into four sets of two lights, one red, one white. The lights danced up and down and all over the place.

Mrs. Watts added her findings to what has already been described up until now. When the cattle were found, the incisions were infested by a beetle-like bug. In the branches of trees above the carcasses, crystalized flies were found in some kind of fungus.

Townsfolk did not find any altars so this being the work of Satanists was ruled out.

Clete Parr who lives near Wentzville, found a dead heifer on its stomach in an isolated pasture. The animal was missing its right ear which appeared to have been removed with the precision of a surgeon. This was the first cow mutilation believed to be reported in St. Charles County.

In 1975, mutilations were reported in Sedalia and Buffalo, Mo. Pat Womack, a clerk at the IGA supermarket in Elsberry, says he has heard of strange rituals by witches at Hawk Point, about 12 miles from Elsberry, near Troy.

A young bull calf was found on the Joe Vitro farm southwest of Elsberry about 11 a.m., Aug. 7, 1978. It was found at the edge of a thicket by Angelo Di Bartolo and Tony Vitro. The calf was lying on its left side and the hide and meat of the upper right side had been stripped, exposing the throat and rib cage. (See photo below.) The right front leg was missing. Nothing else was removed from the animal as in past mutilations in the area. (Source: The Democrat, Elsberry, Mo.)



SOMETHING PECULIAR HERE

Three farmers, who each lost one animal early in October, 1977, reported the usual missing severed parts, no sign of blood and no sign of tracks at the farming community of Peculiar. Two of the farmers said the parts were neatly severed as if cut with a sharp knife.

Ray Welch lost a 5-year-old Black Angus cow on

Sept. 25, about half a mile from his house. John Rice found his 5-month-old steer about 3/8 of a mile from his house. Harold Cowger found a female calf but buried it with a bulldozer. He recalled the tongue was missing and thinks the left ear was cut off.

Sheriff Bill E. Gough is not convinced that mutilators caused the deaths as he said some cattle in the area were dying of a pneumonia-like disease.

JACKSON COUNTY HORROR

In late November, 1975, William Reader of Oak Grove, found a cow in its 5th month of gestation in a gully near his home on Hillside School Road. The cow had its udder removed by a sharp instrument and the unborn calf had been removed.

No trace of blood was evident but some blood vessels were broken on the neck. The incisions on the animal were "as smooth as could be," Reader said.

NO EVIDENCE OF HUMAN PRESENCE

In mid-December, 1977, Paul Collier found a 6-month-old calf which had been mutilated within sight of the Blue Spring High School and Junior High School buildings. A sharp instrument had made smooth cuts along the right rib cage of the animal. The same type of smooth slices were visible where the animal's right ear and tail had been removed. The calf's liver had also been taken out. All other organs were left intact. Swollen veins on its neck may have indicated the removal of all blood through the jugular vein. No evidence of human presence was found at the sight of the carcass. No tire or footprints were visible.

NOT KILLED BY HUMAN HANDS

In August, 1978, three farmers near Dixon and another near Iberia reported cattle killings. The farmer from Iberia lost an 1,800 pound bull, valued at over \$1,200.

Dr. Max John, a Vienna, Missouri, veterinarian examined the bull and stated, "I've never seen a case like it before."

A Dixon farmer, Kenneth Warnol, found his heifer dead on August 4, several days after it was killed near a pond 400 feet from his house. The sex organs and left ear was missing.

Duane Sloane, a Pulaski County farmer, lost a 425-pound steer. In 1975 there was a series of cattle mutilations in Missouri, three or four in Pulaski County.

On October 12, 1978, another cow was found on the Jim Cox farm about a quarter mile from the Cox home. Stewart Nelson, a pathologist at the University of Missouri Veterinary Diagnostic Center in Columbia, performed an autopsy on the cow and stated it had not been killed by human hands and that the cow's rectum and right ear "had been eaten by natural predators." A normal amount of blood was found in the animal.

Alaskan piles of horror

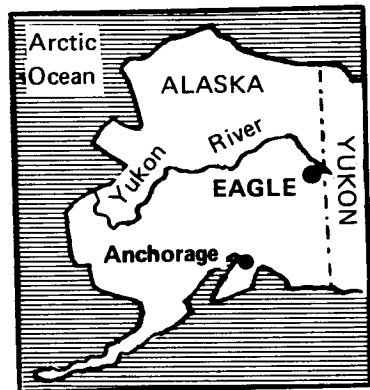
While Alaska has more wildlife than any other state, it is mostly forested and in the interior, temperatures vary from almost 100 degrees in summer to 66 degrees below zero in winter. But it was here in Alaska, the 49th state and largest in the U.S., that an almost indescribable horror was discovered.

Five backtrackers were camping on a ridge situated along the old gold rush route near Eagle, on the Yukon River in Alaska. One of the men awoke early before dawn one day and decided to walk down to the stream and wash.

It was then that he noticed about 20 hovering orange, saucer-shaped craft, with a black band around their circumferences.

Arousing his buddies, they went the half mile into the clearing in the valley but the craft were no longer seen. They came across a huge, burned circle with the grass brushed out in a clockwise direction from the center. Four triangular prints close to the inside rim of the circle were impressed about 2 to 3 inches into the ground.

Hundreds of animals had been mutilated. Moose had their antlers and legs removed and put in separate piles. Organs were missing from the elk. Grizzly bears were minus their eyes and claws. Caribou had their skeletons removed. No blood was visible anywhere. The wounds were clean and precise. Oddly enough, close by was the body of a 15-foot-long whale. It was cleaned



Ghost riders in the sky

Sometime between 11 p.m., Feb. 7 and 1 a.m., Feb. 8, 1977, Mr. & Mrs. Franklin of Seneca, Pa., saw a UFO. As the couple returned home late Monday night, Franklin stopped off above the house to check a cow and Mrs. Franklin went inside the house. A few minutes later, Franklin called his wife to observe a UFO moving rapidly across the sky. Then the object stopped suddenly right over their house and remained there until 1 a.m.

Two miles away at 4:20 a.m., the Dale Fox family slept peacefully. Their two German shepherd dogs were outside and were not friendly to strangers. Suddenly, a loud pounding on the front door and then at the back door awakened their children. Mr. Fox left for work at 1 a.m. and Mrs. Fox slept in a heavily insulated part of the house and heard nothing.

In the morning, Mrs. Fox talked to a neighbor on the phone and learned that a loud knocking happened there too at about the same time. The dogs did not bark or challenge anyone at that time.

Mrs. Fox left to go shopping with a neighboring woman but her two big dogs were nowhere to be seen. A smaller dog timidly came out from under the porch and greeted her.

While driving, the women saw tracks of the two dogs along the side of the road and they followed them to a point where they came upon a dead calf that had a rope around its neck and both hind legs tied. It was here that the tracks of the dogs ended.

The calf's body was frozen. The women saw a pair of oversize footprints in the deep snow that came from a small pool of open water in a frozen ravine near the road and led directly to the dead calf and ended there.

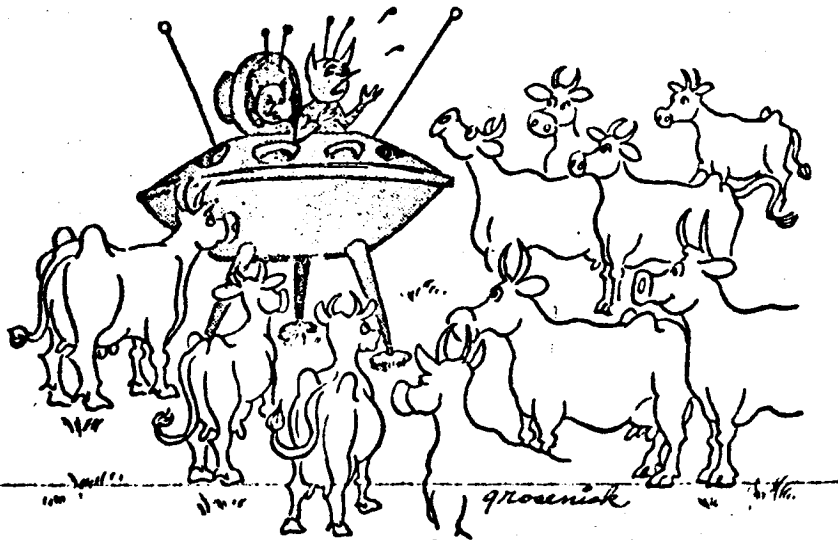
The footprints were nowhere else. The dog tracks and footprints vanished at the site of the calf.

A state trooper was dispatched to the scene and jokingly suggested it might be the work of a UFO that had been reported the previous night.

Mrs. Fox searched her property and found the two dogs. They were hiding in an out-building, acting extremely frightened, nervous and were panting heavily. Later they found the dead black Angus calf had disappeared.

This story originally appeared in greater detail in the Erie Daily Times, Erie, Pa., Feb. 13, 1977. It was written up by Tri-City Bureau writer, Jack Payne.

Payne discussed the two incidents with a state police officer and he remarked, "Weird, isn't it." "Yeah," Payne answered, "Imagine a UFO on a cattle rustling mission. Kind of reminds one of that old song made popular by Vaughn Monroe, 'Ghost Riders In The Sky.'"



Mares and nightmares

A four-year-old mutilated sorrel mare was found on Friday, July 28, 1978, about 12 miles north of Hereford, Texas on the McCathern ranch.

Chief Deputy Art Burton, Deaf Smith County, can't understand why there was no blood on the ground or wounds on the animal.

The only parts removed were the teats and rectum. There were no signs of a struggle in getting a horse of that size down. The horse was found about 200 feet from the ranch house, but no sounds were heard during the night or morning by the occupants.

Burton said, "They did some pretty neat carving on her. No way was it coyotes. It was cut out."

THIS MARE WON'T GAMBOL AGAIN IN NEVADA

In early June, 1978, a brown mare was found mutilated near Las Vegas. It is believed to be the first horse in Nevada to fall victim to the mysterious animal deaths being reported in the past few years.

The mare, belonging to Arthur Padilla, had its uterus, udders and rectum removed with "perfectly round" incisions according to cattle inspector Carlos Lovato.

Padilla said he could find no bullet holes, no tracks, no signs of a struggle at the site. Not a drop of blood was found. The left eye and ear were also removed.

Lovato said he had seen six or seven cows mutilated similarly in his district. "A 1,600 pound horse is not easy to mutilate," he said.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF THE SARCEE HORSE

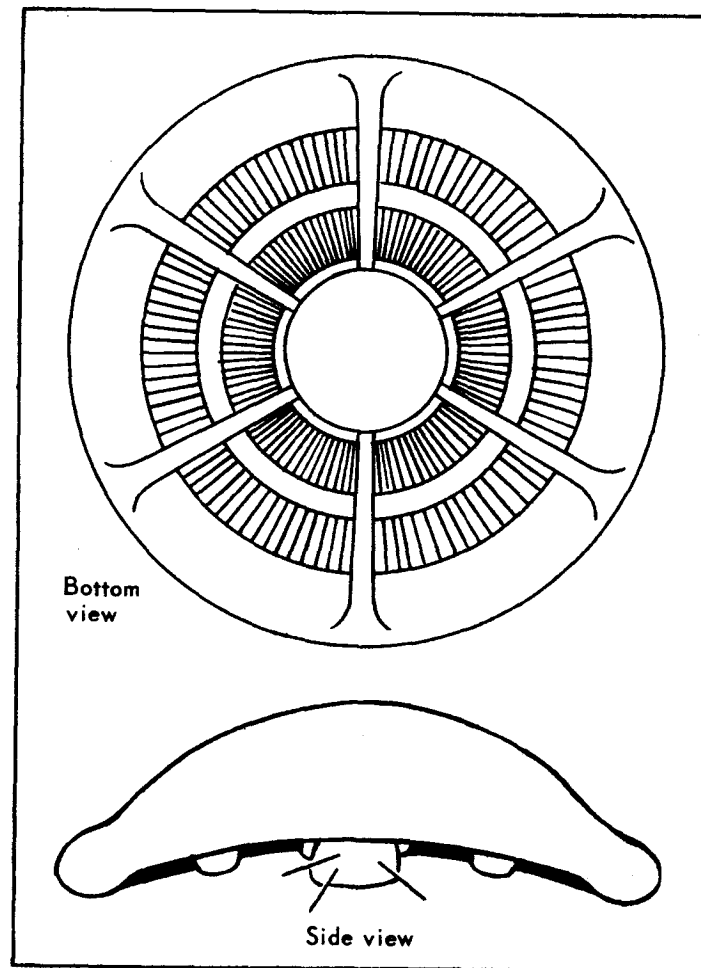
On August 23, 1967, a man was riding his horse around 8-8:30 p.m., a mile east of Twin Bridges in the Sarcee Reserve in Alberta, Canada. They were following a path along a river on their right and brush on their left side.



The horse suddenly became alert and stiff and its rider thought there may have been another animal nearby. The horse became violent and practically uncontrollable. The rider looked up at about a 45-degree angle and saw a billowy, low-lying cloud about 50 to 70 feet in diameter. An object silently came from the cloud and emerged about 3/4 of the way out.

It looked of plastic or fibreglass construction and of a silvery-blue color. The UFO was almost round. The undercarriage was rounded, the outside revolved on which there appeared a blue light. Two circular vent-like structures led to a dome underneath. One vent rotated one way and the other in the opposite direction.

The horse's head thrashed around as if the UFO gave off a high-pitched noise. The craft left the cloud as it disintegrated in turbulence, and ascended with a very soft noise evidently caused by the mushroom-like vents. The dome was also able to rotate and had spikes on it which were sticking out a number of feet in length. They were also transparent in color. The vents were dark. The rider was unable to see the top of the craft from his position. The UFO was estimated to be about 40 feet in diameter.



About an hour or so later, he let his horse graze by the stream to regain its composure. Heading back to the pasture not far from where he spotted the UFO, his horse started to stiffen up again as if she heard or smelled something. The man's imagination started working again thinking there was another one of those things around. Then he spotted a horse lying down on its side and rode over and looked at the horse whose hair was singed and burnt off. The horse was dead. Its eyes were still open and rigor mortis had not yet set in. There was no way of knowing whether the horse had died in terror. For a few days afterwards, his horse's ears were quite sensitive and he had a hard time trying to

saddle her. He didn't associate this with the saucer at the time. After his discovery he headed back for the pasture as it was getting dark. He asked Pete, a young man at the ranch about the horse he had seen and suggested they take a look the next day. They did, but no horse was to be seen, only an imprint where it had lain. No shrubbery or brush had twigs broken and the spot was inaccessible to vehicles and no tire prints were seen. An investigation was started to find the owner of the horse but it was found that it could have been one of a number of strays from the Reserve.

NOTE: Mr. W.K. Allan, from whom we received a tape of the above tale, had this to add, "When the tape was played on the CFCN radio program 'Knights at the Round Table,' a phone call came in from a professional man in the Twin Bridge's district who saw the same craft." Mr. Allan suggested that the horse apparently revived and departed, since the only alternative would be to have been airlifted out. (Originally published in Saucers, Space & Science, issue number 53, 1968.)

SLAUGHTER AT ALAMOSA

One of the most publicized accounts of a horse mysteriously being killed took place in Alamosa, Colorado on Sept. 9, 1967.

The horse belonging to Mrs. Berle Lewis was discovered near 15 circular exhaust marks which covered a rectangular area of 5,000 square yards. Six identical holes, each two inches wide and four inches deep, were found near a bush that was pressed down to 10 inches from the ground.

Duane Martin, a Forest Service Ranger, checked with a geiger counter and found radiation around the exhaust marks but the count diminished the closer he got to the horse's carcass.

The flesh was gone from its head, neck and shoulders and the hide was peeled back exposing the skull. Its organs, also the brain and spine were missing. No blood was left, no tire tracks, no signs of predators. Alamosa and Monte Vista residents reported seeing UFOs at the time of the horse's death.

THE MYSTERY OF THE THIRTEEN HORSE LEGS

Thirteen horse legs were found Nov. 2, 1978, along a highway in Commack, N.Y. An investigation determined that the legs, all sawed off below the knees, were obtained from a Connecticut slaughterhouse by a man who wanted to 'practice' shoeing horses.

Suffolk County police said the man took the legs to the Smithtown dump after he finished his practice sessions.

The area where the legs were found is about three miles from the dump. Police said they don't know how they got there. (Source: Cleveland Press, Ohio)

BIG REWARD

A \$5,000 reward was offered by Parkland, Washington horse owners who have had about a dozen horses and dogs mutilated in a two-square-mile rural area since 1975. Most have been castrated or suffered amputation of sexual organs.

ANOTHER BENTON COUNTY CORPSE

A field in the northeastern part of Benton County, Arkansas, was the scene for a horse found slain. It was discovered by its owner in April, 1978. Lt. Don Rystrom said the horse's reproductive organs had been removed.

MINNESOTA MARE MUTILATED

The first weird mutilation in Martin County's Cedar Township in recent times happened about Aug. 6 or 7th, 1976. A female Shetland horse owned by Luane Johnson was found dead from numerous knife wounds, one ear had been removed as well as the sex organs. The actual discovery of the dead horse was on Aug. 9. The horse was valued at \$250.

NO QUICK DEATHS IN NEW MEXICO

Four horses valued at about \$15,000 were found dead about mid-January, 1979 on the Clarence McDonald ranch near Malaga, 15 miles southeast of

Carlsbad, N.M. Three of the horses were mares and believed to be carrying foals. One was believed to be a high point champion several years ago. It had large portions of flesh missing around the hindquarters and neck. Another mare was cut around the eyesocket and the nostrils and an ear were cut off.

According to one deputy, no bullet wounds or other evidence of quick death to the mares was found.

"They just dropped dead in their tracks. One even had a mouthful of unchewed grass, and none of them looked like they moved or kicked after they fell over," he said.

Cariboo mulenappings

As long ago as 1863, animals were disappearing when mysterious lights appeared in the night sky.

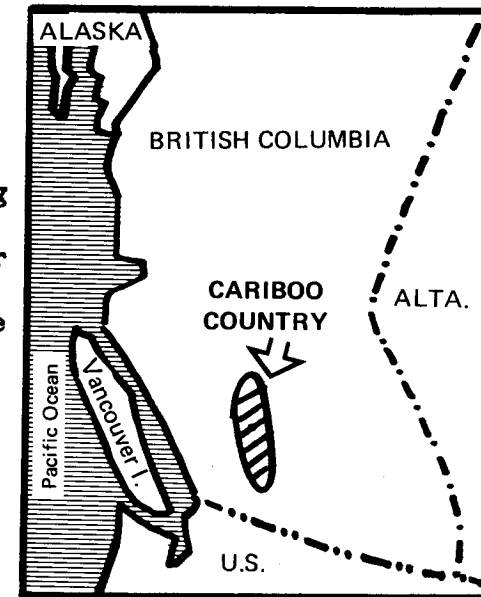
From August 5, 1863 and until early 1865, white lights shone over the night camps situated on the Cariboo Trail in Canada's westernmost province of British Columbia where supply train mules were resting.

On every appearance by the lights it was found that three mules were missing.

The Pinkerton detective agency set up a decoy mule train but were foiled in their attempts to stop the disappearances of mules every time the lights paid the camp a visit.

As agents actually saw the hovering white lights they were at a loss to explain three more missing mules when a head count was taken.

None of the missing mules was ever found that vanished whenever the brightly shining lights did their dance in the night sky.



The silver cylinder

Officer Ben Eldridge was on a stakeout waiting for whatever it was that had killed eight cows sometime during the last week of March and going nearly two weeks into April, 1978.

Whatever killed the cows left them with teats and ears surgically removed. How or why they were killed was never answered.

On the morning of April 10, at 5:15 a.m., Eldridge was standing in a corner of a field, near a hay barn, watching a herd of up to 40 black Angus and white-faced cattle to the east. He glanced over his right shoulder and got the scare of his life.

"Here the thing was," he said, "pointed directly at me. It was round, red and real bright, about ten to twelve feet long, probably longer."

The silver-colored cylinder was surrounded by a red glow of about a foot and a half in depth. The object was about 300 to 400 yards away. He thought at first that someone was shooting at him but he couldn't hear any sound.

Then the object moved sideways, slowly and smoothly on a level course.

His report on the encounter stated, "it was very bright red with a flaming tail and was traveling about 20 feet over the treetops. This object was coming from the northeast direction going southwest. When it got over the pasture field it went down in the woods where it burned out."

Two miles away and also at 5:15 the same morning, Corporal R.W. Sluss was on the tower shift at the Goochland prison complex. He stated he saw "an



object in the atmosphere" that appeared from the northeast and disappeared in the southwest. He described it as a large object with a cloud of steam in front and red sparks shot out from behind. Then it burst into a white light temporarily blinding him. It then broke up into large pieces forming a long brilliant tail of white, light blue and green lights and finally disappeared in the southwest. It was about five miles away and about 600 feet above the ground.

On April 11, about 11 p.m., William Tyler, a 16-year veteran guard at Goochland reported seeing a big light, the size of a car light for five minutes. It looked like it was motionless, than all at once the light went out.

No cows were found dead between April 4 - 20 according to Sidney Strawderman, the state farm manager.

Devil's Gate

Some game poachers reported a "silvery balloon" with flashing lights standing upright at Devil's Gate near the River Weaver in England. Their story was related in the Runcorn Weekly News in February, 1978.

They said, "The balloon was on a type of tail or stand underneath it. It was 10 feet off the ground on top of this stand and there was a flame, or flames, underneath it on the top part of the stand."

"There were two different types of sound. One was like a breeze blowing and the other sound was quite funny. It was a humming or throbbing sound like pylons make and it seemed to make our ears buzz."

The men ran down to the bridge where the UFO was hovering. Upon getting close to the strange object, two human-like creatures with funny lights on their caps came out of the craft and one of the poachers became frightened.

"They had a cow in a cage and were doing something to it," one poacher said and "I ran down to Ellis Lane."

One of the other men said, "It was a frame of aluminum or silvery metal and there were bars around the cow. They were measuring the height and length. There were men inside the windows of the balloon but you couldn't see their faces or masks properly as the light was funny -- like the light from a gas cooker in a darkened room."

Roundup of the bizarre

In this chapter, we have tried to condense some of the better stories we have come across from various sources, most appear to have a connection to UFOs in the areas of the mutilations.

Sept. 7, 1956 - Near Twin Falls, Idaho, three men saw a saucer-shaped object about 200 feet in diameter land in a field near a steer. The men had no chance to get a closer look as the UFO rose into the air and they saw that the steer was no longer there.

April 1, 1963 - Around 5:30 a.m., Angelo Mosteccioli of Petaluma, Calif., while going to the barn to milk the cows, saw a large aerial vehicle land in a nearby field. Cattle began to panic as it landed. Several small men came out of the craft, grabbed a young calf and pulled it into the spacecraft.

Sept. 2, 1971 - Several cattle were mutilated in a field near Talihina, Oklahoma. The night before, a number of witnesses testified to seeing a UFO land in the same field. An hour later, Fort Smith, Arkansas residents saw a similar craft and farmers reported many cattle mutilations after the UFO was reported in the vicinity.

Nov. 12, 1974 - On this date a mutilated cow was found near Madison, Nebraska, on Carol Werkmeister's farm. The next night, a mystery helicopter buzzed the house and the craft's lights seemed a bit strange. The object circled twice and left.

Mid-November, 1974 - A surgical incision had been made through a cow's ear and every drop of blood had been

drained from the 1,000-pound animal. The bag and all vital organs had been removed. One veterinarian said the skill and technique was beyond the capabilities of any professional person in the area. No tracks or marks were found at the site. The cow, belonging to Marvin Dickson, was found dead in a field east of Eckley in Yuma County, Colorado.

Dec. 1, 1974 - A farmer in Meeker County, Minnesota, found one of his calves with its lips cut off from one inch above the nose to behind the rear of the left jawbone. The jugular vein was slit and the tongue was removed. The edge of the left ear and reproductive organs had also been removed. No sign of entry to, or departure from the area was found but a circular bare spot was discovered in the snow. Some persons felt UFOs were responsible. (Source: The UFO Enigma, Mar. 9, 1976)

Feb. 11, 1975 - The carcass of an "expertly-skinned" dog was found by real estate investor Samuel Snell in Sherman, Texas. No hide remained, not even the ears or tail section.

Mid-February, 1975 - A wave of cattle killings struck east and central Texas early in the year. One animal was found on Feb. 19, on the Cecil Sheppard ranch near Copperas Cove, its eyes, ears and sex organs missing. No blood was found in or around the carcass. This death brought to more than 20 the number of cows, calves and bulls found dead in the month of February. Cases of animal deaths through similar circumstances came from the Tyler area, and others in the counties of Anderson, Brown, Hopkins, Jones, Stephens and Young.

March 10, 1975 - On this date, Darwood Marshal, a farmer, found a mutilated heifer on his farm six miles south of Whiteface, Texas. In a field was a perfectly round circle with the heifer in the middle of it, the head facing north and the body twisted straight up in the air. The tongue was missing and its lower jaw was cut back. The sex organs were cut out and gone. Its navel was cut out in a round circle. There was no

blood anywhere.

About a quarter of a mile further west was a similar circle. A steer was the victim this time. Upon checking with a geiger counter, radiation was found in the 30-foot-diameter circle. Sheriff Richards of Cochran County related reports of UFOs in the area seen by others but he had not witnessed any himself. Witnesses said the UFO was as wide as a two-lane road, sun-colored, round and had a blue glow around it.

During the first two weeks of October, 1975, ranchers in southwestern Nebraska reported low-flying objects which looked like moving "neon signs." Ranchers southwest of Grant reported seeing UFOs on nine different occasions. The UFOs came out of the north and proceeded south.

R.A. Fillingham, editor of the Grant Tribune-Sentinel, reported that Denver authorities picked up "helicopter-type aircraft" on radar at 8:02 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5, simultaneous with sightings in the Grant area. Fillingham said there was no sound connected to these strange aircraft. Coincidental with the sightings, there have been many mutilations in Perkins and Chase Counties. Up to 30 insurance claims have been paid to Perkins County ranchers.

State authorities blame predators but Perkins County Sheriff, Anton Nowak counters, "If it's a coyote, then he has to be carrying a very sharp knife. Chase County authorities investigated 5 cases since Sept. 24. (Source: The Journal, Lincoln, Neb.)

Oct. 6, 1975 - Newcastle, Wyo. A circle two feet in diameter was discovered next to a slain cow on a ranch owned by Raymond Jones, three miles east of Newcastle. The cow was estimated to have been dead for three days when it was found. "There was no indication of animal pulling in the area," Weston County Sheriff Willis Larson said. The circle was bright yellow in contrast to the normal color of the grass surrounding it. The lower lip had two cut marks made by a sharp instrument, with the middle part of the lip taken. The tongue

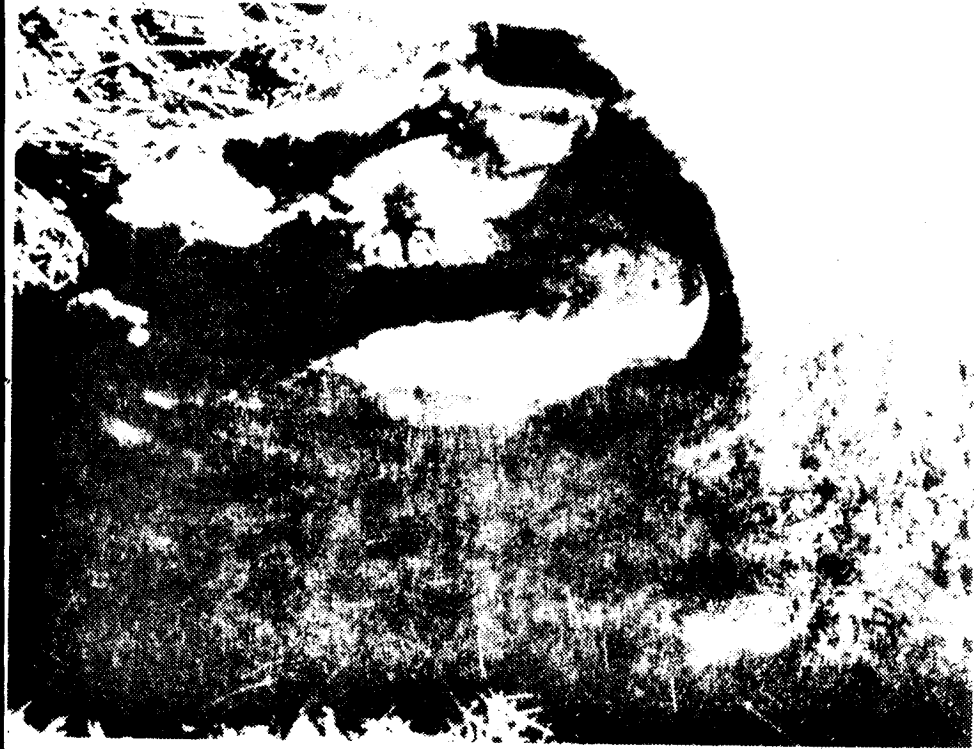
was gone, the udder was removed except one nipple.

The next night a Newcastle woman reported seeing a UFO. Larson, in company with a deputy, responded to the call. The officers saw a UFO the size of an airplane, big in front and tapered toward the rear and orange in color, in the same area of the cattle mutilation reported earlier. (Source: The Branding Iron, Laramie, Wyo.)

December, 1975 - A farmer driving his truck along Pump-house Road near Harrah, Wash. one evening, slowed down to avoid hitting a cow and two calves trotting toward him. The cow would keep looking over her shoulder. Then, over a hill, three men stood in a ditch and were well lit by the headlights of the truck. One of the figures jumped 15 feet and landed in the middle of the road. The farmer swerved to avoid an accident and noticed he was being followed by an oblong, well-lit UFO. A 10-foot periphery of light lit up the truck and the inside of its cab. It remained with him until he got to his driveway whereupon he ran in terror to his house to awaken his family. Then the UFO vanished.

Dec. 16, 1975 - A farmer in Whittier, Iowa, told of finding six mutilated cows in his pasture a week before and of also seeing a UFO about 4 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1975. The farmer, Don Stickle, said light was shooting from the object toward the ground in bursts, resembling hot steel particles falling from a cutting torch. Stickle watched the object with the aid of binoculars. (Source: Post-Bulletin, Rochester, Minnesota.)

In Simms, Montana, in December, 1975, a large white light descended in the area where a rancher had placed a dead calf. The UFO then took off but returned two days later in the evening. The calf, which died a natural death, had been mutilated by sharp, surgical instruments when the rancher inspected the calf later.



Stripped of flesh, the entire lower jaw of this cow was picked clean. The lips, nostrils and tongue were missing. Jim Jankovsky, the owner of the cow, said the animal had been alive and apparently healthy only two days before its carcass was discovered. (Photo by Hulett)

ROCK RIVER MYSTERY

The carcass of a yearling cow lying on its side on an island in Rock Creek which runs through Rock River, Wyoming, was discovered by its owner, Jim Jankovsky, during October, 1975.

Again, no signs of a struggle, no disturbed grass, no flailing hoof marks, no droppings or feathers from a predator, no tracks and no bloodstains on scattered patches of snow at the site.

The animal's entire lower jaw had been stripped clean of flesh and hide, the tongue, lips, nostrils and windpipe were missing, along with the left eyeball or head which was turned up.

Jankovsky has lost livestock to predators in the past but there was always evidence of tracks, flesh and bone scraps and loose hair around the carcass.

Dr. Heman Hancock, director of the State Veterinary Laboratory at Laramie discounted the idea that a religious cult perpetrated the deadly deeds from a hovering helicopter. "I would think it would be a great deal less expensive and less dangerous to simply purchase what they wanted from any slaughterhouse," he told Ron Franck, a staff writer for the Laramie, Wyo. Boomerang in January, 1978.

Dr. Hancock examined about a dozen carcasses both in the field and in the lab and determined after careful examination that the mutilations were caused by predators and scavengers such as coyotes, foxes, mink, bald eagles, weasels and buzzards.

The absence of tracks, etc., he attributes to the nearly constant high winds in this area and no signs of a struggle suggests the animals died of natural causes.

Hancock explained that the clean cut incisions are a natural characteristic caused by drying of the hide.

April 17, 1976 - Benton County, Oregon, is a popular place for UFO sightings and cattle disturbances. Ernie Pacheco works and lives at the Horning Dairy farm, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Monroe.

A huge, rectangular object about 60x65 feet, started the dogs barking at midnight and 146 Holstein cows started stampeding around the loafing shed. At 3:30 a.m., the lights went out in the parlor and Pacheco opened the outside door to see a big, high thing like a hotel with three layers of windows hovering over the barn. It stayed there for 10 minutes, then rose into the air and then suddenly took off. Then the barn lights came on, all except the lights in the holding pen. A circuit breaker had to be reset later in the day.

Pacheco said there was no motor, the craft was aluminum-colored and made no noise. A driver of a tractor trailer rig pulled into the farm's driveway saying he couldn't believe what he just saw. Out-

side of the cows being spooked, milk production was down 350 pounds from the normal 7,000 pounds. (Source: Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon)

On October 23, 1977, Raymond Whittle, of Fairfax, Iowa, noticed his nine-month-old bull calf was missing. On Oct. 30, the calf was found dead, its tongue, tail, testicles and rectum had

been cut out. A couple of days later, on October 25, Black Hawk County officials discovered another mutilated animal north of Waterloo. In this case, a calf's throat had been slit, hooves, forehead and nose mutilated and a patch of skin taken. It looked as if someone had taken samples from the animal.

Nov. 23, 1977 - Six miles north of Juniata, Nebraska, a Yorkshire sow was found with its ears, nose and hindquarters sliced off. Cornstalks in the area were undisturbed.

April, 1978 - Nine white-faced cows were found dead and mutilated at the State Farm during a three-week period in late March and early April, 1978. An autopsy report stated there were no puncture wounds, bullet holes, signs of poison or any other known cause.

These killings make Virginia the 23rd state in which such mutilations have occurred. As in other cases, the ears, reproductive organs, udders, and anal tracts were



"What, me worry?"

removed. No footprints or signs of a struggle were found.

On the nights when the mutilations took place, there were reports from reliable sources of UFOs in the sky. Several guards at the State Farm reported sightings during the three-week period.

May 8, 1978 - Six miles north of Little River, Kansas, two steers, weighing 550 and 600 pounds were found by their owner, Norman Grandall, in a pasture he rents. An ear on each steer was removed and the sex organs of both animals were removed. No lightning marks, animal or human tracks were found in the area. (Source: Rice County Monitor-Journal, Little River, Kansas)

August 16, 1978 - Bill Philpot of Benton County, Arkansas, found his 225-pound white-faced Angus calf dead on his ranch west of Cave Springs. The calf was drained of blood, its right eye, tongue and sex organs had been cut off. There was no sign of a struggle, nothing to indicate who had committed the crime or how it was done according to Sgt. John Green of the Benton County Sheriff's Office. (Source: Daily News, Rogers, Ark.)

Sept. 17, 1978 - Rodarte, N.M. - A 1,200-pound bull, minus its eyes, genitals, arms and tongue, some hair lost in a heart-shaped area on its chest and another on its head, was found on the George Maestas property. Officials were puzzled since there was a lack of footprints and blood from the dead animal. Sheriff's deputies did not suspect it was the work of men from outer space. Vultures and crows would not go near the the dead animal. Maestas heard no unusual nighttime noises during the time the bull was slaughtered.



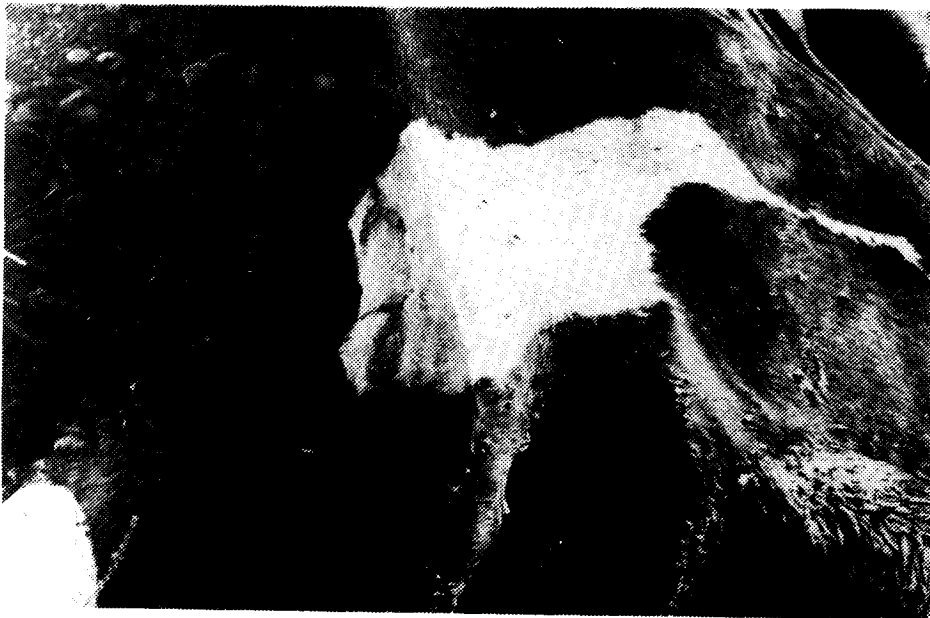
Landing marks left by UFO at site of a cattle mutilation in Colorado in 1977



Wedge-shaped marking left in the ground by a UFO when it landed in Colorado in October, 1977, at a cattle mutilation site (Photos by Pat Richardson)



One of the mutilated cattle as photographed by Pat Richardson on Oct. 23, 1977, in Colorado



Close-up view of top photo showing mutilated hind-quarters of victim

No pulse at Dulce

The line of mysterious, circular tracks led to the dead carcass of an 11-month-old bull found on Monday, April 24, 1978, less than a half a mile from the house of Manuel Gomez near Dulce, New Mexico.

The pasture where it was found contained five other bulls and a flock of sheep. No other animals were touched.

A neat, circular incision had been made around the rectum and the sex organs, all of which were removed.

In 1976, a cow was found mutilated 12 miles from Dulce, again surrounded by mysterious circular tracks identical to those found on Monday. Also, a set of triangular tracks was found.

The tracks found on Monday about four inches in diameter in sets of two, were about half an inch apart. The carcass was stretched diagonally across a road in a meadow. The road passes right in front of the owner's home. The tracks are etched in the clay road, evenly depressed, perfectly circular and had to be made by something extremely heavy.

An unofficial report from a Department of Game and Fish says that there was a large orange light in the night sky along a ridge directly south of the meadow seen either Sunday night or Monday morning.

No tire tracks or those of predators were found. Some of the tracks contained an abnormal amount of radiation and a yellow material was found nearby. Some bushes and undergrowth seemed to be scorched and dying.

METALLIC POWDER A CLUE?

Apache Indians near Taos are angry because their cattle have also been mutilated. A former govern-

ment official, a New Mexico State Police officer and a private scientist say they are continuing their "unofficial" investigations into the slaughters in northern New Mexico.

The three men are researching a possible connection between a metallic, glittery, organic material found on cattle in a remote mutilation-prone area northwest of Taos and powder scooped up by persons who claim they saw a UFO just outside Taos last July, 1978.

The Schoenfeld Clinical Laboratories in Albuquerque did some tests on the powder which resulted in showing the material on the cattle hides and the material found near the reported UFO sightings were almost identical.

Howard Burgess, of Taos, a retired Sandia Laboratory scientist requested the tests. Burgess first discovered the metallic substance on cattle on the night of July 8th. Burgess, according to the Amarillo News of Dec. 16, 1978, stated he conducted ultraviolet light tests on a herd of cattle from the Manuel Gomez ranch near Dulce, on the Apache Indian reservation.

Edmond Gomez, Manuel's son, said his father lost from 15 to 20 cows, calves and bulls due to mutilations. Gomez said whole reproductive tracts were missing from some of his animals. Burgess had no doubt that Taos residents saw something in the sky last July, about four days before his ultraviolet test on Gomez' cattle. The whole neighborhood saw the UFO, Burgess said.

When witnesses finally went to authorities with their story, they took a fruit jar full of a powdery substance one of them scooped off a truck parked beneath the UFO at Ranchitos, N.M. They saw a gray, silvery substance floating down after the UFO disappeared from view.

Mrs. Elias Vargas of Ranchitos was one of several persons who saw a "bright orange light" northwest of Taos near Blueberry Hill early last July, 1978. The UFO hovered near her house for several minutes during the night, she said.

She and her son-in-law, who had kidded her about her flying saucers for several days, stood watching another object in the sky only a week after her first sighting. "At about 11 p.m.," Vargas said, "an object appeared high over the ridge with a lot of lights that went on and off. We watched it for about an hour. My son-in-law grabbed his binoculars because he saw it too this time."

Bob Schoenfeld, who did the test, said it was the same chemical composition as the substance found on the cow hides he analyzed earlier. Schoenfeld said the material was similar to "slivers or chips of gray paint" and that it contained an "extremely high" amount of potassium and magnesium. He said the substances were "fairly ubiquitous around the world" but the potassium content was about 70 times more than the normal amount for earth samples in the Taos area.

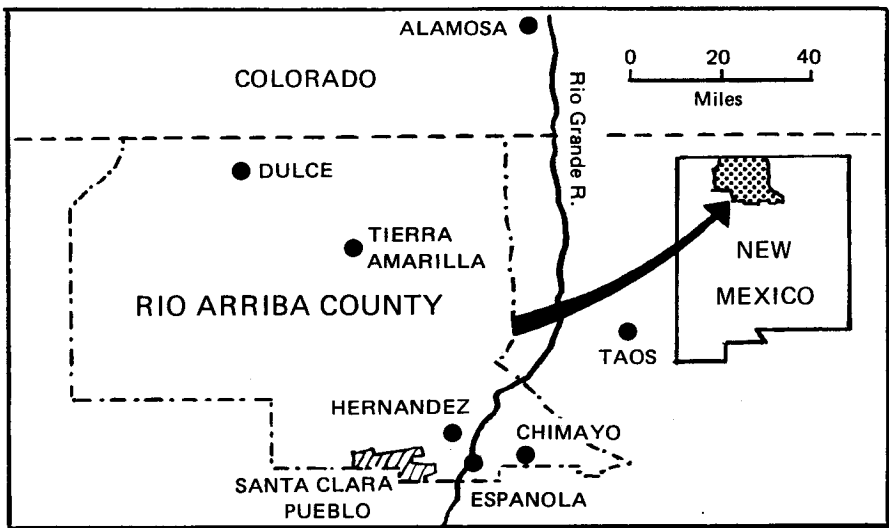
A test under a mass spectrometer revealed the material was similar to Teflon in its composition. Schoenfeld said the samples proved to be organic matter, "as opposed to a metal compound such as used on aircraft." He also said he believes "the federal government has got something super-secret going on."

Schoenfeld said also that whole areas of tissue were missing from inside the carcasses and that some sort of cylindrical object had been inserted into one animal and it had completely shattered the pelvic bone. "A lot of people think it's just some kind of hoax, but something like this really makes you sit back and wonder," Schoenfeld concluded.

UNUSUAL SOUND AND AN AIRCRAFT DROP?

A sound like a refrigerator was heard by Mrs. Donaiz Sandoval of Chimayo around 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, 1978. On Monday, a cow belonging to Ramon Medina was discovered mutilated and lying within 900 feet of the Sandoval home. State Police told Medina the cow had been dropped from some sort of aircraft.

Over in Lamy, in Santa Fe County, two cows were found mutilated. One of the cows was killed during



the full moon weekend of Nov. 11-12, the same weekend that two cows were killed within 2½ miles of Espanola.

Gabe Valdez, one of the most persistent sleuths involved in this nationwide phenomena stated he believed "aliens" possibly could be involved in the mutilations. When asked for a more precise definition of "alien," he said, "aircraft unavailable to us."

"We could tell aircraft were involved," Valdez said of the Lamy cows. He explained that with a helicopter, state police investigators followed the path of a flying object that dumped one cow at its final resting place. "It left tracks," he explained. "It was flying real low over flat land. You could tell where something created a turbulence and we saw where it finally threw the cow."

Valdez said the machine was very sophisticated but would have had to be a small helicopter. He doubts that a helicopter as small as the one that left tracks would have been able to lift a full-grown cow.

Manuel Gomez was the only rancher Valdez talked to that had insurance on his livestock. State Farm Mutual, his insurance carrier, paid the claim but did not send an investigator to check it out, according to a story

in the Rio Grande Sun, Espanola, N.M., Nov. 30, 1978.

Chief Roger Naranjo of the Santa Clara Tribal Police, is a new investigator and patrols the area at night. He has seen nothing extraordinary so far. "People have been reporting lights over the area that look like airplane lights, except they are stationary," he says.

The reports come from Pueblo and La Mesilla basically. Naranjo also received many reports of "loud noises" and noises like "the sound of a helicopter, but they see no helicopter." A retired scientist who has been investigating this phenomena for two years said, "It could be they are not after anything, but are using these cows as bait. Perhaps something is leading us into new fields of science and new fields of thinking."

New Mexico had 35 confirmed cattle mutilations in 1978. Missouri and Arkansas were two other states that showed a dramatic increase in reports of a like nature.

It has been suggested that the cows at Dulce were specially marked ahead of time for easy identification from the air at night, since the dead cows appeared to have been lifted by air and mutilated at another location. Investigators penned up Gomez' cattle in a corral and moved them through a squeeze chute and an ultraviolet light. Five of more than 80 cattle were found to have a glittery, chalky substance on their right sides, along the neck, ear and leg.

On January 12, 1979, a five-year-old heifer owned by Frank Suazo was found near Blueberry Hill. Gabe Valdez reported that samples from the cow were sent to a laboratory for analysis. In this case, the body was frozen due to cold weather. Valdez says the animal was "definitely tranquilized," then a needle or some instrument was inserted into an artery and the animal's own heart pumped the blood from its body. Organs were removed after the blood was drained, Valdez speculated. Valdez said that mutilation reports in New Mexico started at about the same time as a series of UFO sightings near Tucumcari in 1975.

Sometime between 9:30 and 10 Monday morning, Jan. 29, 1979, a six-month-old Angus was found dead by its owner in Duran, N.M. Its ears were cut off, the scrotum had been cut and the penis removed. On each side of the animal about the middle of the rib cage, there was found a six-inch circular patch of hair missing which appeared to be "rubbed off." Small lacerations were within these patches. No blood was found in the heart and little blood was found in the body.

The Star, Nov. 16, 1976, issue, printed a story about Capt. Randolph B. Jenkins who was flying his A-7 Corsair jet fighter near Kirtland AFB in New Mexico. He claimed to have been chased by a flying saucer and mentally "contacted" by its occupants, according to the report in The Star. "They were beaming some message to me. They were extraterrestrial beings who were definitely hostile," he said.

When Jenkins threw his plane into a violent turn to avoid collision with the UFO, he "felt these mental stirrings, which seemed to come from the UFO. Some form of telepathy was being used to probe inside my head." Jenkins said the UFO had the traditional saucer-shaped raised area that could have been the crew's quarters, and a propulsion outlet along its side. He said the "vibrations" in his mind faded abruptly after a few seconds and the UFO turned and receded rapidly over the horizon. Kirtland AFB is situated near Albuquerque and almost due south from Dulce.

A report in the National Enquirer, May 1, 1979 said that a group of people who were gathered at the scene of a mutilation felt they were being watched. Photographs were taken and when developed, they showed two spacecraft hovering nearby. None of the group had seen anything unusual at the time. The photos were taken at Dulce, N.M.

U.S. 81 - Kansas death strip

Someone or something has been butchering cattle along U.S. 81 in Kansas. The accompanying map of counties in the effected area shows the place of cattle deaths as indicated by round dots.

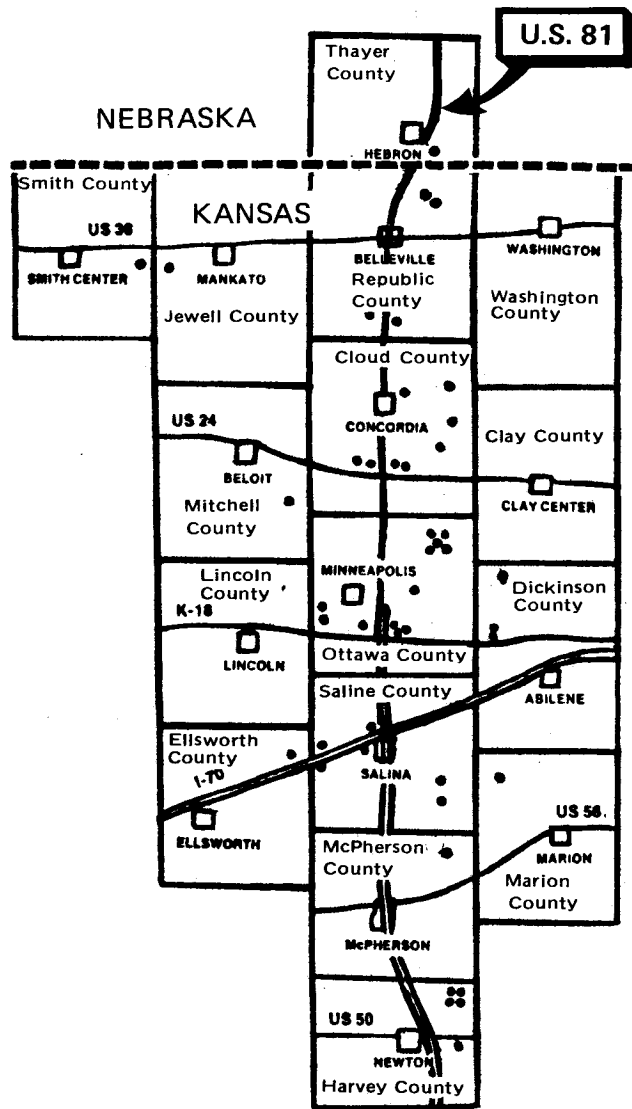
A 500-pound heifer owned by Senator Ross Doyen of Concordia, was found by him lying behind a grain bin on land he farms about 300 feet from a paved road.

Part of the animal's left ear was gone and a 6-inch hole was gouged in its stomach. Investigators confirmed the heifer died of acute bloating of the stomach and the ear and hole marks apparently was the work of coyotes.

Law officers and farmers were outraged by the statement of Doyle Heft, state brand commissioner, that 99% of the deaths in which sex organs have been removed occurred from natural causes.

Nearly every death was a black cow, mostly Angus.





Gary Dir, a deputy sheriff of Ottawa County said, "Even with the whole back end cut out, there's no indication of the bleeding that should be there. I've spent all my life except the last eight months on a farm and I know when a critter's been cut."

Cult or occult?

John Dunn, president of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, is offering a \$1,000 reward for information which would lead to the arrest and conviction of those doing the mutilating. Dunn is of the opinion that Satanists are to blame.

Jim DeLesdernier, a cattle inspector working for the Texas Cattlemen's Association, doesn't believe Satanists are responsible for the animal deaths. Neither does he conclude UFO occupants are the culprits but attributes the deaths to predators.

Deputy Gene Bracy of the Maries County, Missouri County Sheriff's Dept., offered the explanation of four cattle killed in Dixon and Iberia in August, 1978. He believed it was the work of a cult which followed the preachings in a paperback book available at newsstands - *The Satanic Bible*. Bracy read parts of the book describing animal sacrifices and the ritual outlined closely follows the way the four animals were slain.

Around April 17, 1978, two calves were found dead about five miles away from a field where a mutilated horse was found on April 8. The tongues, internal organs and an eye had been removed from each of the animals, according to Don Rystrom, who was investigating the slayings.

Rystrom believes they may have been done by members of a Satanic cult. Altars made of stones have been found near the dead animals, he said. Animal skulls and candles have also been found, indicating some kind of ritual had been performed. The skulls and stones were painted dark blue and some of them were marked with symbols painted in white.

Dr. Jerome Rose, an anthropologist at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, said this is the

time the sun changes its direction -- the vernal equinox -- and is important to witches.

Rose said witchcraft often follows the seasons of the year and more particularly, the reproduction of crops.

Soon after, on April 24, a cow with one eye and tongue removed was found near the Little Flock community in Arkansas. And on April 21, a calf with its organs removed was found and later a dead cow was discovered near Pea Ridge. All slayings occurred in northeastern Benton County. (Source: Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock, Ark.)

Terence Mitchell, a former Minneapolis TV reporter, has collected over 3,000 cases in the U.S. since 1969. Mitchell talked to a leader of a Satanic club in Minneapolis and he said it definitely wasn't his group that was responsible for the cattle mutilations in Minnesota. He said they'd kill chickens or something like that but not a 2,000-pound steer.

Peter Haining and A.V. Sellwood, in their book Devil Worship in Britain, investigated the discovery of a pile of heads of six cows and horses in a wood near Luton, Bedfordshire, England. The eyes were taken out, jaws wrenched open and two jawbones were removed. Close by were two rings of trampled grass around a tree. No blood or bodies were found. No farmer in the district reported the missing animals and the mystery still remains.

Thoughts and theories

Will these horrible abductions and killings ever come to an end? No one can say at this time as the mutilations are as mysterious as the tales of UFO visitations from Biblical days to the present.

Is some space intelligence using animal parts for some devilish biological experiments? Perhaps the guilty ones are half human and half animal. Do they need animal parts for some huge "organ bank" where they help themselves to these spare parts when needed much the same as our doctors here have, eye and blood banks and are able to transplant a liver or heart while performing a life or death operation?

Abductions of animals and humans have been reportedly going on throughout the history of this planet by strange, airborne vehicles or spacecraft. Ancient legends of the American Indians told of buffalo being lifted from the plains by "great white birds circular in shape."

Even the head of the astronomy department of Manchester University in England, Professor Zdenek Kopal, said it is certain that otherworldly beings "would do things to us that we wouldn't like very much."

When it comes to the use of laser beams, it can be stated that they can be used in medical procedures where bloodless surgical operations have been done. This could explain why little or no blood was found near any surgical incisions on the animals. A slice of skin can easily be taken off carefully and bloodlessly by a laser beam.

There was always the chance that the mutilations were part of a government bacteriological warfare

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