

In Saskatchewan, Canada

## Farmer sees UFO 15 feet away

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LANGENBURG (Staff) — If flying saucers are your cup of tea, Edwin Fuhr has a six-place setting for you.

At least he did have...and still does, sort of.

It all started about 10:30 a.m. a week ago Sunday when the 36-year-old farmer was swathing a rapeseed field about six miles north of Langenburg.

"The rape was lying real flat so I was moving slow to pick it up, not watching where I was going. But I knew I was getting near the slough and would have to turn up on another row so I looked up.

"At first I thought it was one of those tin duck blinds like you see in that outdoor sportsman magazine. I thought maybe my brother-in-law had set it up as a joke. I got off the swather and was going over to give it a kick to scare whoever was in it."

But Edwin never got closer than 15 feet away from his "duck blind."

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For the next 15 minutes Edwin sat motionless watching the five "stainless steel" objects hovering about a foot off the ground.

He wanted to take off on the swather but he couldn't make his hand move to the gear lever.

He wanted to run, but his legs wouldn't move.

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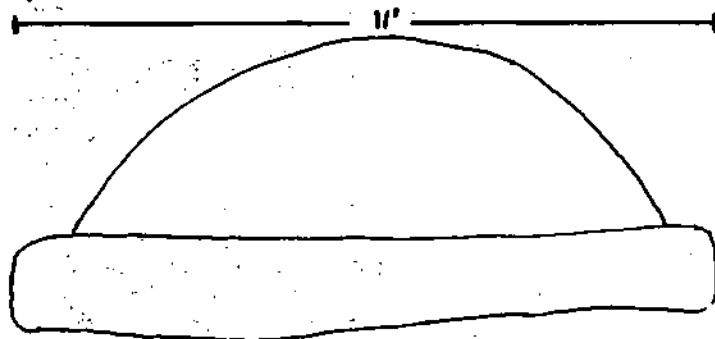
Cautiously, he walked over to the outer rim of the slough.

Beneath the spot where he had seen the first hovering object, there was a depression in the foot-high grass about 11 feet in diameter.

The grass on the outside was flattened and twisted in a clockwise ring. In the center, it stood erect.

Then he found four more circular depressions where the other objects had been spinning.

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was nothing you could feel and there wasn't any smell."

Edwin figured he'd done enough swathing for the morning and headed back to the farmhouse for lunch.

"I didn't know how to tell my folks. The wife just stared at me and said I was nuts. Mother wouldn't believe it at all but had figured I'd seen something."

Word started getting around, the way it does in rural communities where almost everybody is related, and on Monday, Const. Ron Morier from the Langenburg RCMP detachment showed up at the Fuhr farm.

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The RCMP gathered all the information they could, including photographs and measurements, and sent the material to the Upper Atmosphere Research Section, Astro-Physics Branch, National Research Council, in Ottawa. As yet there has been no word from the council.

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Could the objects return? According to Mr. Fuhr, they did. Or at least one of them did.

A neighbor's dog started barking Sunday about midnight and kept it up until 3 a.m.

"The people who owned the dog said they couldn't stop him from barking and that he kept looking over here," Mr. Fuhr said.

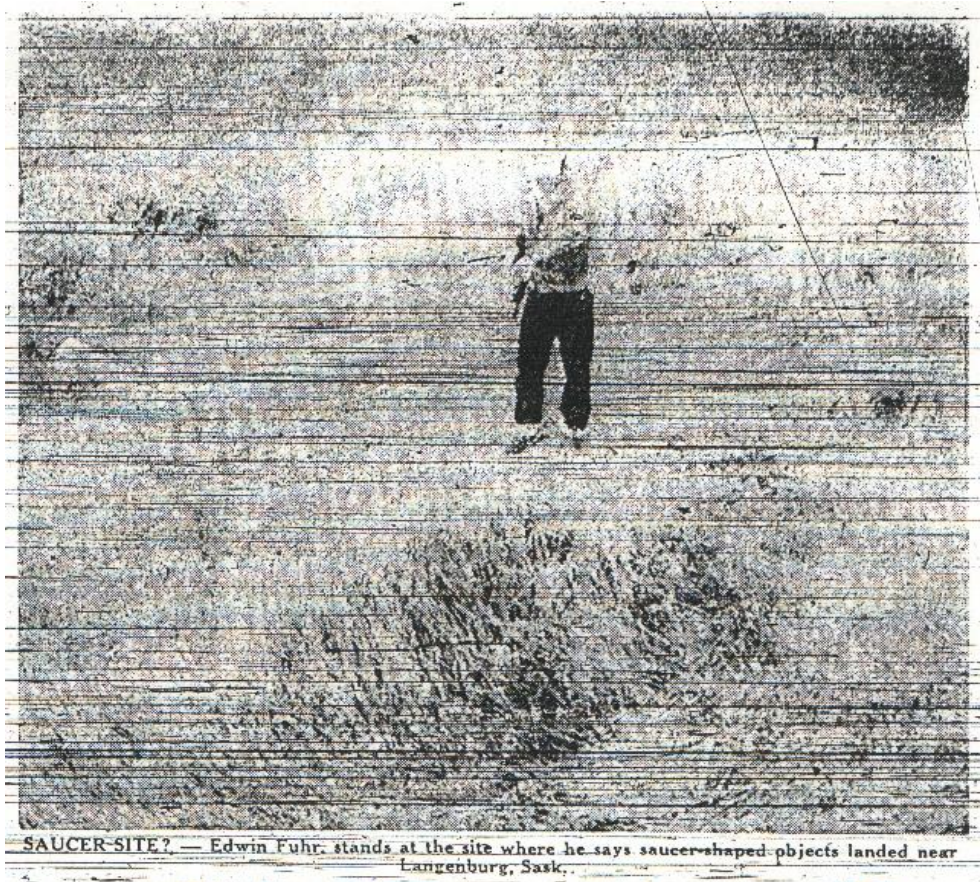
No one saw anything that night, but Monday morning when Mr. Fuhr returned to the site, there was a sixth ring; exactly the same as the others.

He figures that since word started getting around about the landing, 2,000 people have trampled through, over and around the circular depressions.

But they are still there and very visible.

"It was Friday before Mom would even go have a look," Mr. Fuhr said.

"They all believe it now and Mom figures it's about time to move into town."



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**EDWIN FUHR STANDS AT SITE**  
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—CP Wirephoto

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# World round-up

of news and comment  
about recent sightings

## England

### Uri Geller: A scientific step forward

An article by Nigel Hawkes, the Science Correspondent, was published in *The Observer* on October 13, 1974, in which it was revealed that a study of the "abilities" of Uri Geller was to be published in *Nature*. Mr. Hawkes' article appeared under the title *Geller gets Science's Seal of approval*. Here are a few extracts from the article which may interest readers, especially in view of the claims by Dr. Andrija Puharich that Uri Geller's powers come from UFO entities — the main reason why FSR is so interested in Geller:—

"Uri Geller, the young Israeli who claims to possess paranormal powers, will take a major step towards scientific respectability this week when *Nature* publishes the first study of his abilities. [Published 18.10.74—ED.]

"*Nature* is probably the world's foremost scientific journal, and its acceptance of the Uri Geller study, carried out by Dr. Russell Targ and colleagues at Stanford Research Institute in California, will oblige sceptical scientists to take Geller more seriously.

"Papers on extra-sensory perception, psychokinesis and other paranormal phenomena rarely find their way into orthodox scientific journals. *Nature's* acceptance of the SRI paper is thus an unusual event and, perhaps, a milestone in the development of parapsychology.

"The paper to be published this week is a description of a series of tests undertaken by Uri Geller last year. Since then he has been examined in a separate series of tests by three physicists at London University and repeated in front of independent witnesses some of the feats observed at SRI. The physicists involved do not wish to be named, as they also intend to seek publication of their results in the scientific literature.

"Copies of the *Nature* paper are not yet available, but it is expected to include details of four carefully-controlled tests carried out at SRI last year.

"In one of these...neither the experimenter nor Geller knew in advance what the answer should be. This is a scientific technique known as 'double-blind' and is designed to prevent the experimenter unwittingly giving the subject clues and leading him to the right answer. An individual not associated with the experiments came alone into the experimental room and placed an object into a can chosen

at random from an array of 10 identical aluminium cans.

"The experimenter and Geller then came into the room and Geller was asked to guess which can contained the object, without touching the cans or the table on which they were placed. In a series of 14 trials, Geller twice refused to guess because he was uncertain, and chose correctly 12 times—finding objects which included steel ball-bearings, a small permanent magnet and a quantity of water in the cans.

"The odds against achieving this level of success by guess-work are one in a million million (1 in  $10^{12}$ )...

"The SRI trials defy explanation except by assuming large-scale fraud by Geller, the experimenters, and several onlookers, or the possession of paranormal powers by Geller. The fact that *Nature* has accepted the paper for publication, after due process of refereeing by independent scientists, implies that fraud has been discounted. That leaves a good deal to be explained."

## England

### Ministry of Defence interested in Harborne reports

This account which appeared under the headline "Flying Saucer Probe in City" is taken from the *Birmingham Evening Mail* of July 8, 1974,—

A special 'flying saucer' department set up by the Ministry of Defence is examining reports of sightings from Birmingham.

"People living near Harborne Golf Course started seeing the glowing, darting objects in the late evening sky in the middle of last month.

"But checks with weathermen, Birmingham Airport and Birmingham University have failed to establish any reason such as meteorological balloons or aircraft.

"Now Ministry of Defence officials have written to the residents of the Bournevale Park estate confirming that their reports 'are being examined to see if there are any defence implications.'

"Policeman's wife Mrs. Margaret Westwood—she is a former police officer herself—said today: 'One of the sightings was very frightening. It seemed to hover right overhead and then drop suddenly.'

"The objects are quite silent and glow orange turning to white. Sometimes they leave a red trail.

"Through binoculars they seem to be a tubular light.'

"She said more than a dozen

people living near their home in Wentworth Way had seen the unidentified flying objects in the last three weeks. Among them are an electrical engineer and a doctor.

"Initially the lights travelled in a south to north direction but following a spell of inactivity during cloudy weather had changed to an east to west direction, said Mrs. Westwood."

Credit: L.S. Beddard of Smethwick

## Canada

### The farmer and five UFOs

*The Edmonton Journal* (of Edmonton, Alberta) of September 4, 1974, carried this agency report from Langenburg, Saskatchewan,—

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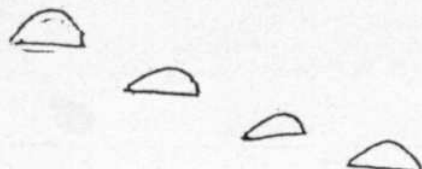
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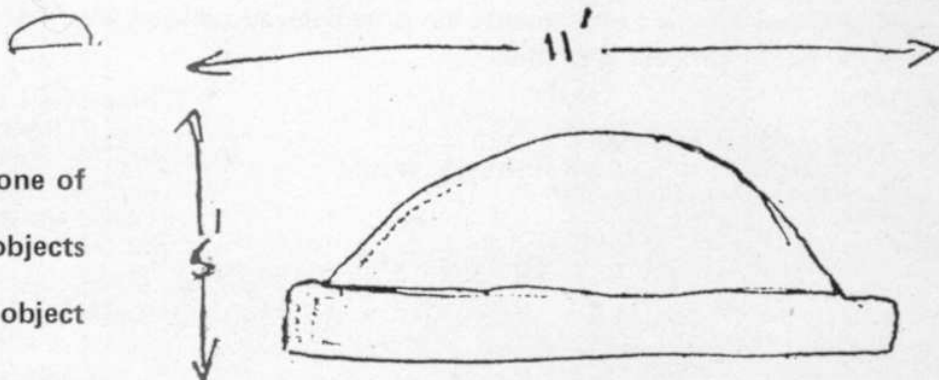
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Above right: Edwin Fuhr shows where one of the objects hovered over his field

Above left: Fuhr's drawing of how the objects appeared on taking off

Below right: Fuhr's drawing of the first object seen



## Italy

### An impressive early sighting

Mrs. Mary Boyd of Firenze (Florence) has kindly sent us the following interesting material, which she translated from the new book *UFO In Italia* (*UFOs In Italy*), published this year by Corrado Tedeschi of Florence and compiled by a team of five members of the local research group S.U.F. (Sezione Ufologica Forentina).

This incident occurred on an unspecified day at the end of October 1949, at Montecarotto, Ancona, on the central part of the Adriatic Coast of eastern Italy.

"A local landowner named Carotti had just constructed a 'hide' from which to shoot birds. The spot chosen was in a valley called 'The Great Oaks,' and the oak trees, of imposing size, were centuries old.

"On the morning in question,

Carotti arrived at the 'hide' (a hut) at about six o'clock, accompanied by his nine-year-old son Fernando.

"It was the start of the migrating season for thrushes, so there were hopes of securing a full bag of game. However, on this day something very different from their accustomed feathered prey was to rivet their attention and interest.

"Shortly after their arrival, as they sat there in silence awaiting their birds, they heard a light rustling noise that was not at all like the usual sound of fluttering wings. Looking up, they beheld, in amazement verging on terror, a very strange, enormous 'thing' passing across the sky not more than 200 metres or so from them.

"It was a cigar-shaped object. Carotti judged it to be about 7 or 8 metres long, with a diameter of about 2½ metres. It was flying rapidly towards Senigallia, on a NNE course.

The extraordinary aerial craft was emerald-green in colour and was followed by a trail, twice its own length, of a bluish-violet colour which, as they watched, changed to an intense clear light. And their fear was added to as they observed that, when the unknown object passed low above the leafy boughs of the row of huge oak trees, the branches of these trees were bent and deflected backwards; some immensely powerful and mysterious force was affecting the trees. The sighting lasted but a few seconds. Then all was silent again in the valley, but father and son were left with an indelible impression of what they had seen.

"Some other men who were also out hunting in the Belvedere area, over near the Adriatic coast, also claimed to have seen a strange, oblong, luminous object, with a trail, pass

PAUL,

CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING FUNNIER. FOUND THIS IN A UFO MAG. THOUGHT IT MIGHT GENERATE SOME FORM OF DISGUST AND LAUGHTER.

An unusual five-ship UFO-formation was sighted in Langenburg, Canada, by Edwin Fuhr. Canadian Royal Mounted Police are convinced, on the basis of their preliminary investigation, that some objects did land on Fuhr's farm.



# Mysterious UFO Formations Found In Canada

Refers to Case  
of Sept 1994  
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"I went out about 9 a.m.," reported Edwin Fuhr of Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada. "It was very cold and I had on my coveralls with the hood of my parka over my head. Ice crystals were falling, and it was raining at the time.

"I was going very slowly when I noticed the object in front of me. At first I thought it was a goose blind for hunters.

"I jumped out of the swather (combine) and I walked up to within 15 feet of it. I noticed the object was rotating, spinning (clockwise) and the grass around it was moving.

"I stopped right there and viewed it for maybe two minutes. I don't know exactly how long I was standing there and instinct told me not to go any closer so I backed out all the way back to the swather, walked around it and got in on the left-hand side.

"As I sat down in the seat, four more appeared on the opposite side of me and I immediately froze. I couldn't move at all and they sat there about 15 minutes, rotating, all five of them."

Fuhr added, "Then they went straight up, all even, in a step formation. They were up about 200 feet when a dark gray vapor appeared from the bottom two exhaust ports and lasted

a few seconds. Then they were gone."

Fuhr returned to his farmhouse, about 140 yards away. Realizing something was wrong, his wife asked him why he was upset. Fuhr related the frightening experience. Later in the afternoon, his brother and sister-in-law came over and the incident was again brought up.

When his brother returned to town, he called the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and asked if they had received any reports of anything unusual.

At first, Constable Ron Morier said he was skeptical of the incident but agreed to investigate the following morning.

However, after arriving at the site, Morier stated, "Once I saw the rings, and how genuinely scared Mr. Fuhr was, it was most definite something had landed. Nothing could have been brought into that area. There were no tracks. It came out of the sky and went back to the sky.

"Mr. Fuhr is very sincere and a responsible member of the community that members of the force have known for the past four years."

A complete report of the incident was forwarded to the National Security Council in Ottawa. Fuhr further described the details of his sighting to officials.

"It was about 5-feet high and 11-feet in diameter. It was stainless steel, saucer-shaped, domed, dark on the bottom like it had been hot, very hot. There were no markings on the craft."

After the five objects disappeared Mr. Fuhr said he "got off the swather to see if the spots were warm or hot. They were cool, all five of them. I do not know if they were sitting there all night or not."

While no occupants were observed, Fuhr added, "It looked like something got out, as the grass was trampled down near one of the rings."

Investigation of the rings by Constable Morier resulted in the following preliminary findings:

Five rings were arranged in a horse-shoe design, with three of the rings only about 5 feet apart. Two additional rings on each side were further back.

The grass was approximately 18 inches high, with the strange tramping down appearing to come from one of the rings in the center cluster.

While investigating, Morier smelled the grass in the rings and noticed no odor of any kind.

Another ring was found in the area the following Tuesday morning and many residents reported strange lights in the sky.

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## PHYSICAL TRACE LANDING REPORTS: THE CASE FOR UFOs

Ted Phillips

### ABSTRACT

It has been stated that little, if any, real evidence exists which could prove the case for UFOs. While it is true that there is no known proof, there is tangible evidence available for study. If real, tangible evidence exists, it should be found in the physical trace cases, reports in which witnesses claim to have seen the landing or near landing of a UFO and to have found traces of that landing. Landing reports are discussed, along with information about the witnesses and what we can or should believe based on information gleaned from years of investigation.

### INTRODUCTION

Over the past 15 years I have conducted specialized research into Close Encounters of the Second Kind. As a result of this study, I have on file 2,677 reports from 64 countries. Based on this information I feel that this is the most direct approach to resolving the mystery of UFOs. Traces remain as visible evidence long after the reported event. If UFOs are not available for study in the laboratory, physical traces certainly are.

The cases presented in this paper are not well known, they are not taken from the latest reports, and they are perhaps among the more controversial. These incidents were chosen because they push us to the edge of what we can or should believe. They are incredible, but the witnesses have remained credible and the events unexplained. They represent a visit, however brief, by something unknown.

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Case No. 1. Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada; Sept. 1, 1974. At about 10:45 a.m. Edwin Fuhr, age 36, a successful farmer, Canadian born of German descent, was swathing his rape crop. The weather was rather poor with overcast skies, low cloud ceiling, light showers, wind NW at 12 m.p.h. and the temperature was 43°. The rest of the Fuhr family had gone to church, Edwin staying home to work the crop. (Figure 1)

As Fuhr approached a large slough he noted what appeared to be a metal dome-shaped structure in the high grass around the slough. He couldn't see the base of the object as the grass covered the lower section; the rape was 4 to 5 feet tall. His first thought was that someone had erected a goose blind (he had seen a domed blind in a mag-



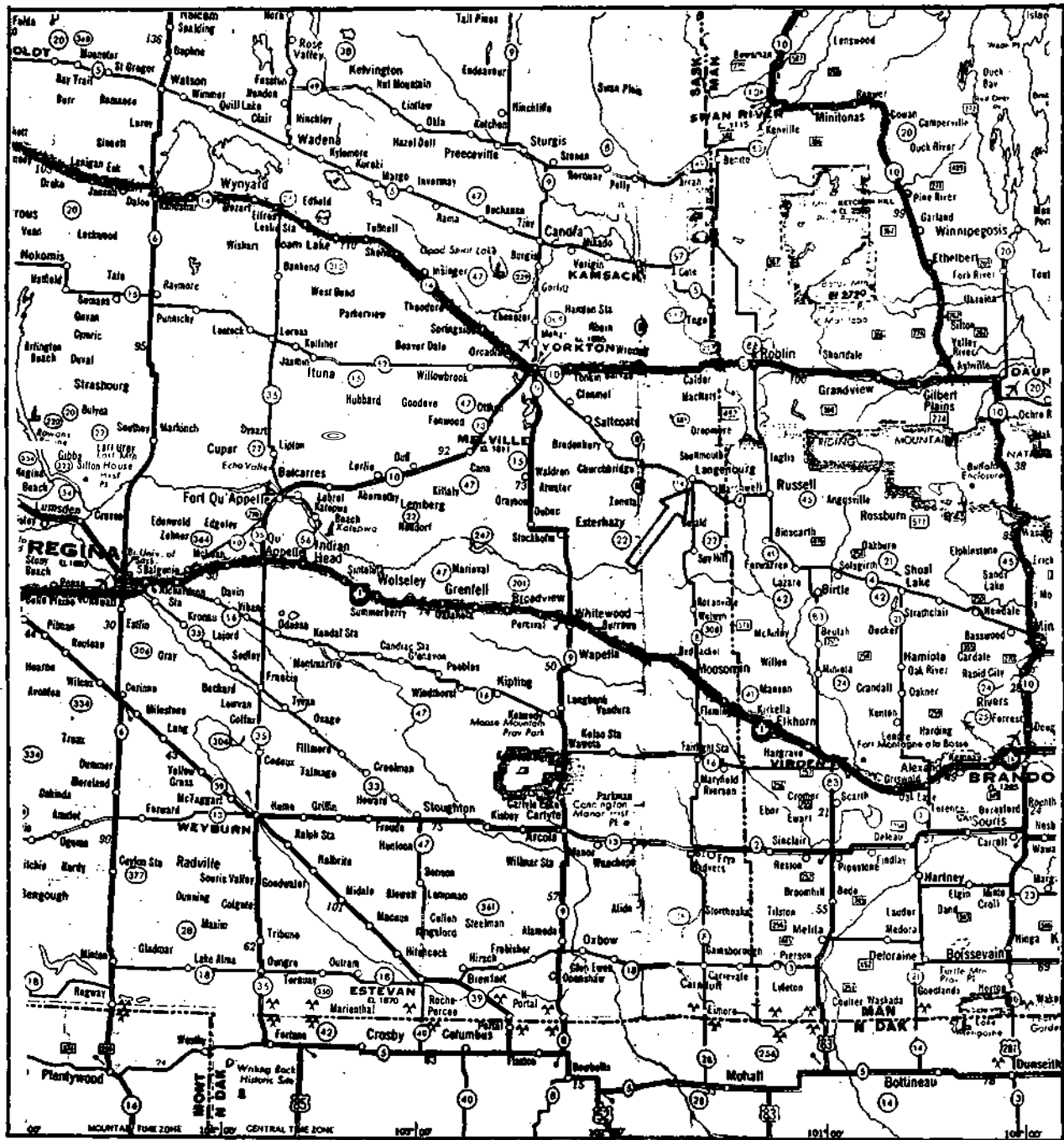


Figure 1

azine a few months before). He was about 50 feet from the object when he stopped the swather. He walked to within 15 feet of it and could see the grass around the base wiggling around. The object was turning rapidly, and Fuhr told me that had it not been turning he might have walked right up to it.

The object appeared so strange he became frightened and backed away and returned to the swather. As he climbed to the seat, he saw four more of the objects to the left. All appeared to be the same

size, shape, and color. All five of the objects were turning and the bases were not visible in the high grass. The grass was moving at the base of each object. The second UFO had what Fuhr called probes: metal-like rods which extended from a point at or near the base into the grass. The probes were turning the grass, and the effects could be seen later as two long depressed areas extending from the ring.

After a period of several minutes the objects suddenly ascended in a step formation at very high speed. When they reached an estimated altitude of 200 feet they stopped, formed a line, and stopped spinning. A vapor floated out, about 6 feet long, followed by a wind that flattened the rape beneath the objects. The vapor came from two "ports" located at the base of each object. The ports were about 12 inches in diameter, and Fuhr had to hold on to his hat to keep it from being blown off. After a very short time the objects disappeared into the low cloud cover.

Fuhr stated that he waited 2 minutes to be sure they were not coming back. He went to the grassy area and found five rings where the objects had been. The grass was not warm. He stated that if the objects had been hot, they should have been steaming with the cool rain falling on them. No steam was observed. He described their color as being like a brushed stainless steel. They appeared rough and were grooved all around, the grooves appearing a darker gray. They were about 5 feet across at the top and 11 feet at the base with a lip that was visible, on ascent.

Upon examination of the rings he found that three were 11 feet in diameter, one was 8 feet, and the fifth was 10 feet. The grass was standing erect at the center of each, but in the rings themselves was quite compressed and swirled in the same direction. The probe marks at ring two were quite visible.

The cattle on an adjoining farm were disturbed and broke through the fence in four places on the morning of the event.

Fuhr stated that he was quite disturbed by the incident. When he went to the house his parents and wife had returned from church. Fuhr describes his return to the house: "After I looked at the marks I continued to swath for quite a while because I didn't know how to go home and tell those guys at home, that was my problem. When I got home they asked me, 'What's the matter?' I was all pale in the face, I didn't say nothing. I washed and tried to eat and I was trying to think how I could tell them about this thing."

Fuhr's mother describes his reaction: "I was just here from church when Edwin came in; he acted all together different. He was sorta, you know, sorta worked up. He was so worked up that he couldn't hardly eat dinner. We only had lunch for dinner, so I said, why don't you eat the rest? He said, 'I don't want nothing, I'm not really hungry.' I asked him why and he said, 'I saw something this morning.' His dad was sitting there and said, 'What do you mean you saw something?' Edwin said, 'Oh, I can't even describe it to you, they looked like that stainless



steel bowl there, **that's** what it looked like. I **don't** want to believe it, but I'm not going to tell you any stories, it is **true.**' His dad went with him to look at the marks and Edwin came back pale as a ghost and said, '**what** next is going to **happen?**'"

I talked with Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Constable Ron Morier following my visit to the site. Morier and an RCMP Corporal investigated the event. Morier stated how he learned of the sighting and described his **investigation:** "Well, first of all, the fellow's (Fuhr) brother-in-law lives next door here and he is a good friend of the Corporal. I was on duty Sunday night and he phoned. He stalled a bit **and** I **could** see that something was on his mind. He asked me, first of all, if we had any reports of any mysterious sightings or anything like that. I said that we **hadn't**. He stalled then and **wasn't** going to **tell** me. Finally he did tell me that Mr. Fuhr had seen something; at that time he (the brother-in-law) **hadn't** seen the rings as it was dark when he heard about **it.**"

"He was at the farm visiting and he was told by his brother-in-law what had gone on - that he **had** seen the objects and he was skeptical as hell, but he thought that he would check with us. So I said, no, but it sounds awful interesting. I got up about 8 o'clock and went out there and met Edwin and I could see that he was still, it appeared to me, to be quite shaken, you know, about this whole thing. He was jumpy and you could see by just looking at the guy that he had been **scared.** But he took us out there and sure as hell there **they** were, five circles. I was skeptical too, but I was curious. There they were, I had never seen anything like them before and listening to his story and **everything.** . . I got on the phone and called for photographs of the **rings.** "

I asked Morier if the circles appeared fresh when he first saw **them:** "Yes, they were. The thing that really stood out was that the grass was all flattened out in a clockwise fashion. There was no odor to it at all, it was really swished tight, you know, I mean it was really flattened and matted **together.**" I also asked Morier if, based on his conversations with Fuhr, he believed he was honest in what he was reporting: "Yes, I do. Yes, I believe that **he** saw something and I don't see why he would exaggerate what he saw. There was no way that this is a hoax. Just talking to people who know him, of course I wondered as to his credibility too, but I have spoken to different people and they all believe that he did **see** something out **there.** I think that there is no way that anything was wheeled in and out of that field because there had to be some trace and you saw yourself in those slides that when the swather was wheeled in there and the pictures were taken that you could see the tracks **clearly.**" And there was no evidence of that in any of the area? "No sir, it was in the slough grounds the grass was green and it was long and it was undisturbed except for the circles and whatever was in there, it came out of the air and departed the same way, as far as I could tell."

I asked Fuhr if he had believed in **UFOs** before the incident: "No, I thought it was a bunch of bull. I had never seen one so why should I believe in them? God knows I do **now.**"

# 'They've returned,' Langenburg man says of UFOs

By Dave Yanko  
of the Star-Phoenix

For Edwin Fuhr, the Langenburg UFO flap means "they've" returned.

Fuhr was swathing in his rape field 15 autumns ago when he came upon what looked like a goose blind near a small slough.

As he got closer to the "pothole," he realized it was no goose blind.

"There were five of them. They scared the hell out me."

The swather stopped. He couldn't get it started.

So he just looked on in fear as two saucers five metres in diameter, and three slightly smaller ones, hovered half a metre off the ground in front of him.

They had the classical shape popularized in the 1950s movies: "They looked like upside-down saucers, with lips, and domes on the top.

"There was nothing holding them up. They were just revolving."

Fuhr says it was about 9:30 a.m. that Sept. 1 morning, when he first encountered the crafts.

He watched them for an hour

and a half, and his descriptions are vivid.

But somewhere, he lost two and a half hours.

Fuhr has no memory of events between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., when he recalls seeing the saucers leave "in step formation, one at a time."

He recalls a feeling that his body had received an electrical jolt.

Reporters, Mounties, the FBI and UFO researchers from across North America flocked to Langenburg to interview him and study the pothole, says Fuhr.

An American government researcher told him he'd receive a copy of the report he compiled on the sighting, but Fuhr says he got nothing.

"Afterwards, they said it was mushrooms I saw," he said.

"I've never seen mushrooms that fly, and I've never seen them leave a pool radioactive."

Fuhr says he saw the colored lights in the sky two weeks ago. At the time, he thought they belonged to a distant airplane.

He's no longer the only man in Langenburg with a story about UFOs.