

It's 'Flying Saucer' Time Again! Spring Erupts With Sightings Of Those 'Mysterious Objects'

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By GEORGE RHOADES

The time has come again for those periodic stories in the newspaper about mysterious unidentified flying objects.

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It seems to happen at least every spring, and at random intervals the rest of the year.

Newsmen never know for sure what to do about the stories. The cynics and skeptics laugh, there are charges of sensationalism and yellow journalism hurled back and forth and editors cry for a "fresh angle."

Most papers end up carrying the reports and the readers, scoffers, believers and indifferent, read the stories and look for more.

Right now the Air Force is running back and forth checking out "flying saucer" reports from Southwestern Oklahoma, Michigan, Maine and Colorado just to name a few spots.

An electronics instructor from Temple says he saw a "fish-shaped" craft with eerie flashing lights manned by an "ordinary human" blocking U.S. 70 south of Temple early Wednesday morning.

The sighting on the highway near Temple was reported by William Eddie Laxson, 56, a civilian employee at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls.

About 35 Air Force officers, including a team that specializes in UFO investigations, quizzed Laxson Thursday afternoon.

"The aircraft was not from Sheppard," the Sheppard Public Information Office said today. "Our Unidentified Flying Object Officer took a description of the craft and reported it to several branches of the Air Force. There has been no determination of the type of craft—if it was an aircraft."

Laxson said the object had numerals on its side, but the Air Force said it had not been able to trace the numbers.

Laxson said the Air Force at first dismissed his report as "a helicopter." But the electronics instructor said he once taught an aircraft identification course at the University of Arkansas and could positively state it was not a helicopter.

Laxson said he was commuting to work on U.S. 70 early Wednesday when he saw the object parked on the highway with a uniformed man standing beside it.

Laxson said he would not have reported the sighting ex-

cept for the fact that after the object left he met a truck driver who confirmed the sighting.

Laxson said Thursday that the object was about 70 feet long and ten feet tall, with a porthole about two feet in diameter, a door about four feet tall and two and one-half feet wide and four bright lights on one side.

"A man could read a newspaper a mile away by those lights," Laxson said.

"A guy was inspecting the bottom of it with a flashlight, but when I got out of the car he crawled up the steps and slammed the door shut," he said.

The Temple man said the object went straight up for about 50 feet, making a sound like a high speed drill and then darted southward without banking.

The man was dressed in what Laxson called green Air Force fatigue-type clothing, and was wearing a tan cap with the bill turned up. He had chevrons on his sleeve, Laxson said.

The Temple man said he was about 50 yards from the object and the man.

Laxson, an electronics instructor at Sheppard since 1951, said the man was about 30 years old.

"I'd know him if I saw him in Oklahoma City tomorrow," he said.

Laxson said the shape of the craft from the side view he got of it resembled that of a perch fish. A rod or pole resembling that of a trolley car protruded from the top at about 45 degree angle, and had a knob on the end about the size of a baseball. The skin of the object was the color of unpainted aluminum.

The nose of the machine was apparently plastic, resembling the radar dome of conventional aircraft. The hatch or door was about four feet high and opened downward forming steps. He said he could see the interior of the craft was lighted, but saw no one else inside.

Near the center of the side of the vehicle was a round port or window with cross bars dividing it into fourths, and at the rear he saw what he believed to be a horizontal stabilizer, similar to that of an airplane.

The truck driver who also saw the object was C. W. Anderson of Snyder. He said it had followed his truck.

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Passenger In Uniform Standing By

Temple Man 'Meets' UFO On Highway

TEMPLE (Special)—A fish-shaped object, complete with a uniformed pilot, darted to earth near here early Wednesday and blocked U. S. 70 momentarily, an electronics instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base reported.

The instructor, Eddie Laxson, who commutes from his home in Temple to Sheppard, said he saw the object, which he described as shaped like a Perch, blocking the highway eight miles south and one-half west of Temple at 5:09 a.m. Wednesday.

Laxson said the object, which he estimated to be 10 to 12 feet high and 60 to 70 feet long, was parked at a 45-degree angle on the highway.

Standing beside the object was a man dressed in a suit similar to clothes worn by members of the Air Force, Laxson said. The man wore a cap with the bill turned up, he said.

THE OBJECT stood on at least one "stem" and may have had more, Laxson said. The bottom of the object was

about three feet off the ground, he reported.

Laxson, about 60, said he stopped his car, got out and started to run toward the object when he remembered he had a camera in his auto. As he went back to get the camera, the object took off, he said.

The aluminum colored object went straight up for about 50 feet and without turning or banking went directly south toward Red River, the electronics instructor said.

Laxson said the object had no propeller and sounded like an electric drill while taking off.

LAXSON SAID he later talked to a truck driver who confirmed seeing the object while it was in the air.

Laxson reported the vehicle had the insignia TL 4138, or TL 4738, on its side. He said he quickly jotted down the numerals in the dirt at the edge of the roadway but couldn't be certain of the second digit.

after returning to copy them on paper.

The man Laxson saw standing beside the vehicle had chevrons on his uniform, the instructor reported. He told newsmen the chevrons appeared to curve or arch on top. He thought the uniform had three chevrons up and three down.

LAXSON'S WIFE, Pearl, is a first grade teacher in Temple.

The instructor said the vehicle had four lights on its

side. Two upper lights were aimed at the front and rear of the vehicle and the other two were focused on the ground, he said.

Laxson said the two aimed at the ground made a pattern which he described as a half-circle.

"The lights were the brightest and most brilliant I ever saw," he said.

Laxson said when the vehicle took off he couldn't tell if the landing stems were retractable. When the vehicle

rose in the air it seemed to have a magnetic effect on the hair on his arms, he reported.

Laxson said that after the object left he got back in his auto and had driven about a half mile west of the sighting when he noticed a truck stopped at the edge of the roadway.

Laxson said he stopped thinking the driver might be experiencing trouble.

THE DRIVER told Laxson he was not having mechanical trouble but had stopped because an object had been following him and he wanted to see what it was.

Laxson said the truck driver, C. W. Anderson, Snyder, pointed to the object which was then traveling south.

Anderson works for Mangum Oil and Gas company of Mangum.

Anderson confirmed Wednesday that he had talked to Laxson and that he had sighted the object.

The truck driver said he had observed the object in his rear view mirror for some time. He said after he stopped his truck the object seemed

to back off and settle down. This, apparently, was when the vehicle landed, he said.

ANDERSON said the object followed him at about the same speed for several miles.

The truck driver also said he had seen similar objects several times before. This was the first in about three months, he said.

Clyde Evans, Anderson's employer, said the truck driver had been with the firm about 10 years.

Evans said other drivers on the same route had reported seeing strange objects.

Evans said Bob Stoll, also of Snyder, had reported Wednesday that he had driven a different route early Wednesday and also sighted a lighted flying object.

Evans said Stoll told him he was stopped at Junior's Truck Stop, east of Waurika on U. S. 81, when he sighted the object near Hastings.

According to Evans, Stoll has seen the objects before. It was about 5:15 to 5:45 a.m. when he sighted the object Wednesday, Evans said.

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C. W. Anderson of Snyder reportedly saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) near Temple

ple early Wednesday morning. But his wife said he was being nonchalant about the whole thing. After all, she said, "he has seen them before." The craft, also spotted by another man from Temple, was "a bright object with very brilliant lights." Anderson reportedly saw some UFO's in the Davidson area last spring.

UFO Sighted at Temple

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The takeoff, the former news- paperman said, was vertical.

Questioned closely by news- men, Laxton discounted the pos- sibility that the craft was a helicopter. He said he was fa- miliar with helicopters and that the craft that blocked his way had no rotors. He said it had numbers on it that began with T41 but he did not make out the others.

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Report Of UFO Is Corroborated

By TERRY MORRIS
Eddie Laxson of Temple, Okla., who reported early Wednesday he had encountered a strange flying machine and a member of its crew while on his way to work, got a part of his story confirmed late Wednesday when a truck driver he had talked to shortly after the incident was located in Snyder, Okla.

C. W. Anderson, a driver for Mangum Oil and Gas Co., said he talked to Laxson shortly after 5 a.m. Wednesday and the two of them had seen the flying object. Laxson and Anderson had met each ^{on} Oklahoma 70 more than a mile from where Laxson had seen the machine on

the ground from a distance of about 50 feet.

Anderson said he at first thought the machine was following him when he noticed it in his rear view mirror after several miles of travel. Anderson described its lights as intense and mentioned three or more red lights along its side.

Laxson's description was somewhat more graphic in that he indicated it was about 70 feet in length, eight feet from bottom to top and was supported about three feet off the ground. Laxson said he saw a crewman, whom he said he could identify if seen again, get in the craft just before it left the ground.

Michigan 'Saucers' RECEIVED APR 8 1966 *Just Swamp Gas,* *But in Oklahoma—*

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Laxton, an electronics instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base here and former publisher of the Temple, Okla., Tribune, said he was en route to work from Temple to the air base when he had to stop his car because of the fish-shaped object blocking the highway.

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Oklahoma men spotted a large "perch shaped" object sitting on a roadway in southern Oklahoma, not too far from Sheppard ARB. That craft, the witnesses said, carried a man in a green fatigue or coverall uniform and a mechanic's hat. The AF, after first scoffing at the report as a helicopter, has re-contacted the witnesses in that incident.

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Among the observers were a U. S. Air Force civilian electronics instructor who is a former newspaper publisher; a chief deputy sheriff, a U. S. Coast Guard cutter crewman experienced in observation; a truck driver and two Texas highway patrolmen who watched a UFO with a group of teen agers.

The most vivid description was given by Eddie Laxson of Temple, Okla, who claims he was within 80 yards of a strange craft blocking U. S. Highway 70 southwest of Temple on the morning of March 23.

Laxson, 56, an electronics instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base at Wichita Falls and a former publisher of the Temple Tribune, said he saw the unconventional craft sitting on the highway about 3 AM, and that a very conventional man was working on the underside of it.

Laxson said he saw the man, dressed in what appeared to be military fatigues with sergeant's stripes on a sleeve, enter the 75-foot-long craft through a rectangular door just before the "fish-shaped" object took off vertically with a sound "like a high speed drill" and disappeared at a high rate of speed.

Laxson, who is familiar with aircraft, said he had no thoughts about the craft being from outer space, or even from another country. "It's an American piece of machinery," he said. It's nothing foreign.

In a detailed description of the lights on the craft, he said they were all white lights and very brilliant.

Descriptions of UFO lights in other sightings investigated covered a large portion of the spectrum.

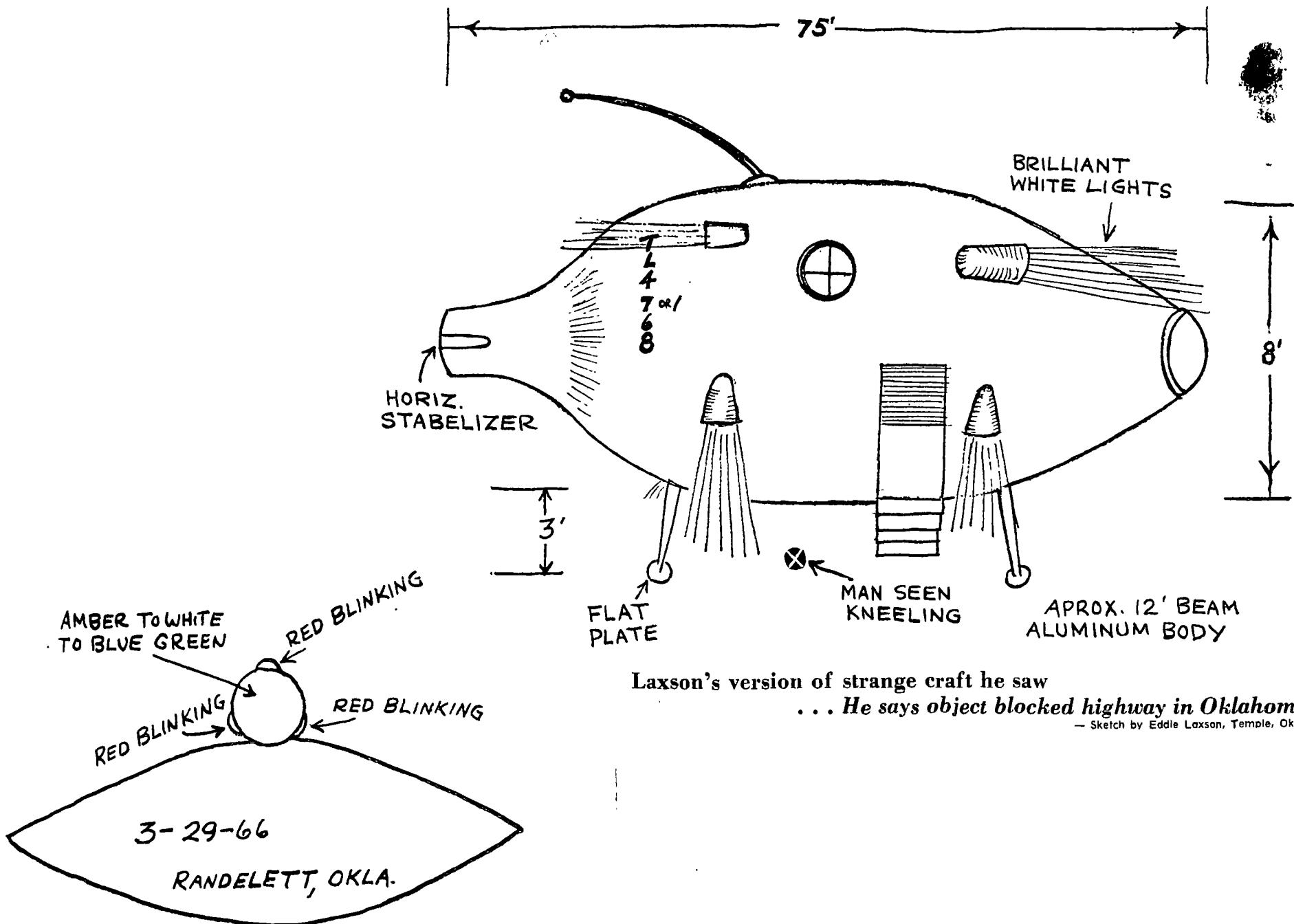
On the same morning that Laxson reported seeing the strange craft take off from the highway, a truck driver in the vicinity, C. W. Anderson of Snyder, Okla, said he was forced to stop his tanker truck because of a blinding light reflecting in his rear-view mirror from

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a hovering object in the air that seemed to be following his truck for a short distance.

He said the object had three pulsating lights on the side and a large light in front that turned from turquoise to amber.

Anderson said he could not make out the shape of the object at that time because of the darkness and the blinding light,



C. W. Anderson says he saw object like this
 ... Pencil sketch depicts dawn sighting

—Sketch by C. W. Anderson, Snyder, Okla.

Laxson's version of strange craft he saw
 . . . He says object blocked highway in Oklahoma
 — Sketch by Eddie Laxson, Temple, Okla.

1966, March 23

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

1. Name William E. Laxson

Place of Employment Sheppard AFB, Texas

Address B. M. 401, Temple, Okla. 73568

Occupation Class room instructor

Telephone Code 405 342 5175

Education B.S. Degree - 17 hrs. Award Masters
Special Training Aircraft engine, licensed mach. flight instructor
Military Service Aircrew school, instructor, printer, Artist

2. Date of Observation March 23, 1966

Time 5:02 AM

PM

Time Zone Central

3. Locality of Observation 8 mi. S. & 1/2 mi. W.
of Temple, Okla.

4. How long did you see the object? Hours Minutes 40 Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. Night

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. No moon

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? yes (stars)

8. Were there more than one object? No If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. see additional sheet.

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, etc? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. Was solid, not revolving

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? No if the lights had been extinguished

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. Forward & Aft. lights were many times
brighter than car lights.

12. Did the object(s) —

(Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

a. Appear to stand still at any time? Yes sitting on pavement

b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? Yes Rose Vert. 50' & sped south. @ approx. 725 m.p.h.

c. Break up into parts or explode? No

d. Give off smoke? No

e. Leave any visible trail? No

f. Drop anything? No

g. Change brightness? No

h. Change shape? No

i. Change color? No

13. Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible. Yes
it was parked so the rail partially obscured a highway curve sign.

14. Was there any wind? Yes If so, please give direction and speed. North near 25 m.p.h.

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? Window shield for approx 1/4 mile travel then standing on pavement.

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? Yes

What kind? High speed drill How loud? approx 125 D.B.

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) —

a. Fuzzy or blurred.

b. Like a bright star.

c. Sharply outlined.

The sound an arc
welder's rod makes
when laying a bead
fusing two pieces
of metal together.

18. Was the object —

- a. Self-luminous? Generated own lights
- b. Dull finish? Aluminum siding
- c. Reflecting?
- d. Transparent? Nose bubble & port hole

19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? Rose from pavement & remained approx. 50' from ground as it sped toward Red River toward the Southeast.

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

a. Pinhead	d. Nickel	g. Orange	Neer 75 ft. long.
b. Pea	e. Half dollar	h. Grapefruit	approx. 12' wide
c. Dime	f. Silver dollar	i. Larger	approx. 5' from floor to roof.

Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? Could not get by object on highway.

22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? Driving to work from Temple, Okla. to Sheppard AFB, Tex. Location was 8 miles south & $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Temple.

23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? We (a truck driver & myself) drove on while lights were still in view over Red River approx. 5 to 6 miles S-E of us.

24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. Approx. twice the speed of a recip. plane. Near the same speed as a single eng. jet ~~prop~~ pursuit plane seen at air shows.

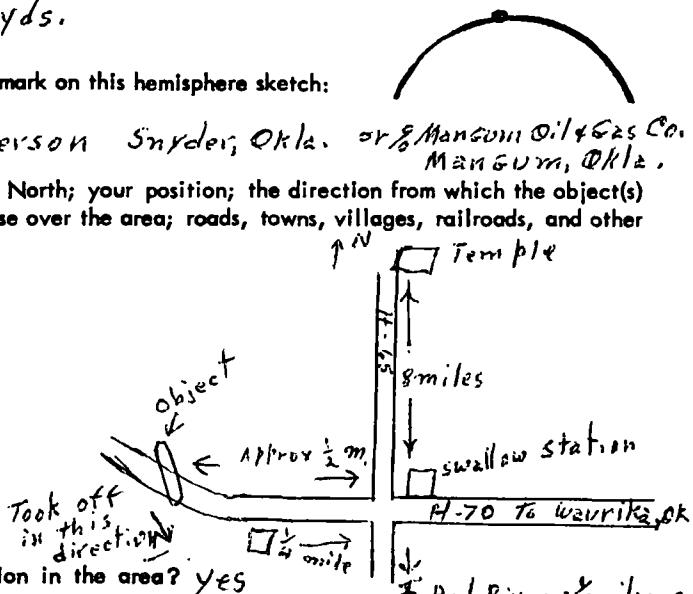
25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. None

26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). Measured 81 yds.

27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? None Please mark on this hemisphere sketch:

28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. C.W. Anderson Snyder, Okla. 518 Mangum Oil & Gas Co. Mangum, Okla.

29. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



30. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? Yes

31. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper. No

32. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you.

33. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place. At S.A.F.B. Tex. 4 lieutenants & captains 1st lieutenants 2 M/SFCs & 1 woman. Do not know affiliations.

Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. Freed to give information.

34. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.

You may use my name.

Please keep my name confidential.

35. Date of filling out this report: April 6, 1966

Signature: *W. E. Larson*

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Mr. William Laxon
Temple, Oklahoma

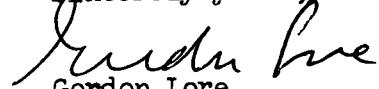
Dear Mr. Laxon:

I have just received a report that, sometime this month, you made a sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) on a highway. As a serious organization devoted to a scientific investigation of UFO reports, we would like to find out all we can about your sighting. Therefore, I am enclosing a few report forms. If you would fill one out and return it to us, it would be most appreciated and helpful. Any details you could give us on the UFO, the figure seen beside it, whether or not there were any marks left on the ground after the UFO took off, etc., would greatly facilitate our research.

Also enclosed is some information in which you may be interested.

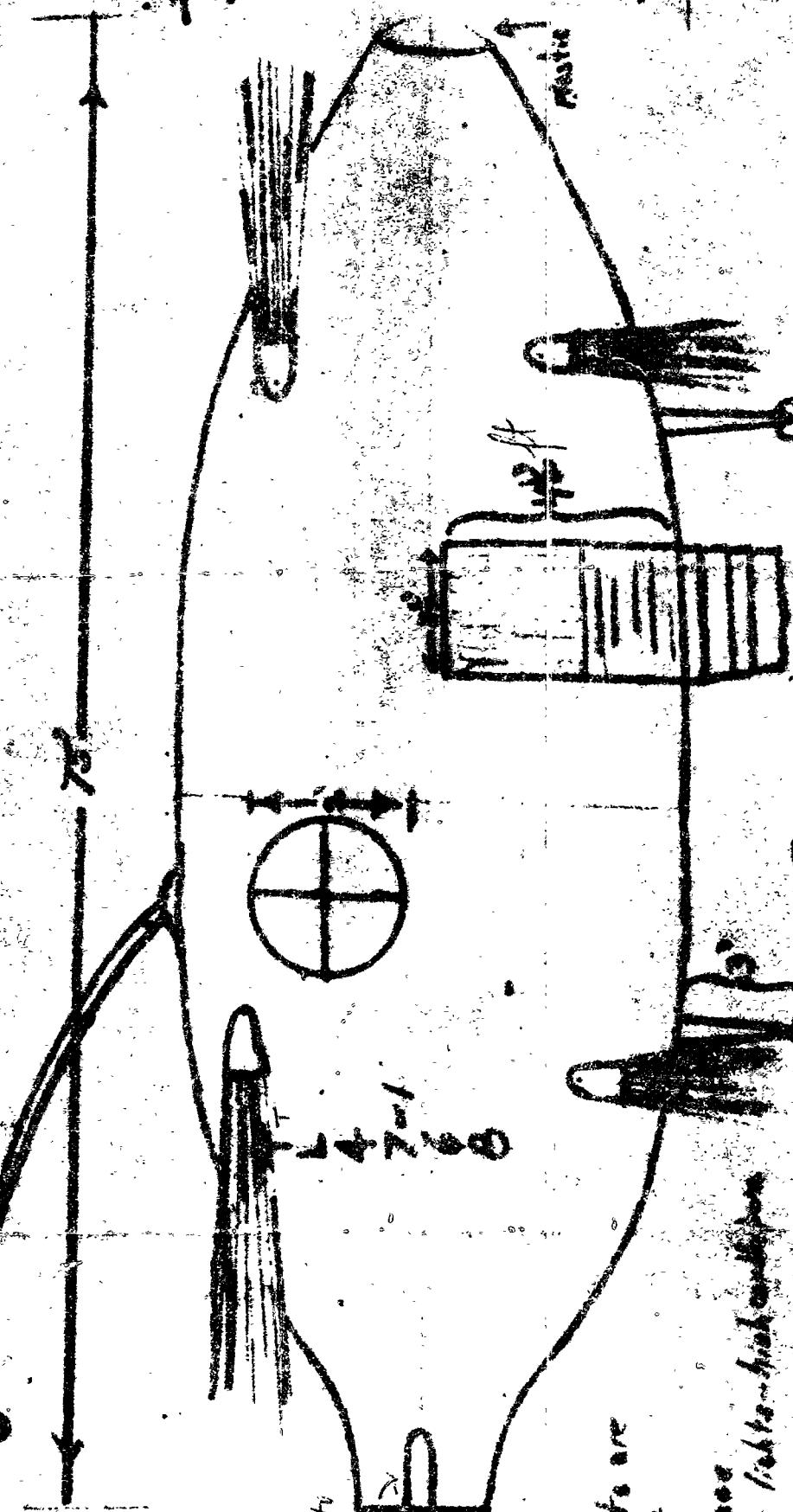
Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Gordon Lore
Editorial Assistant

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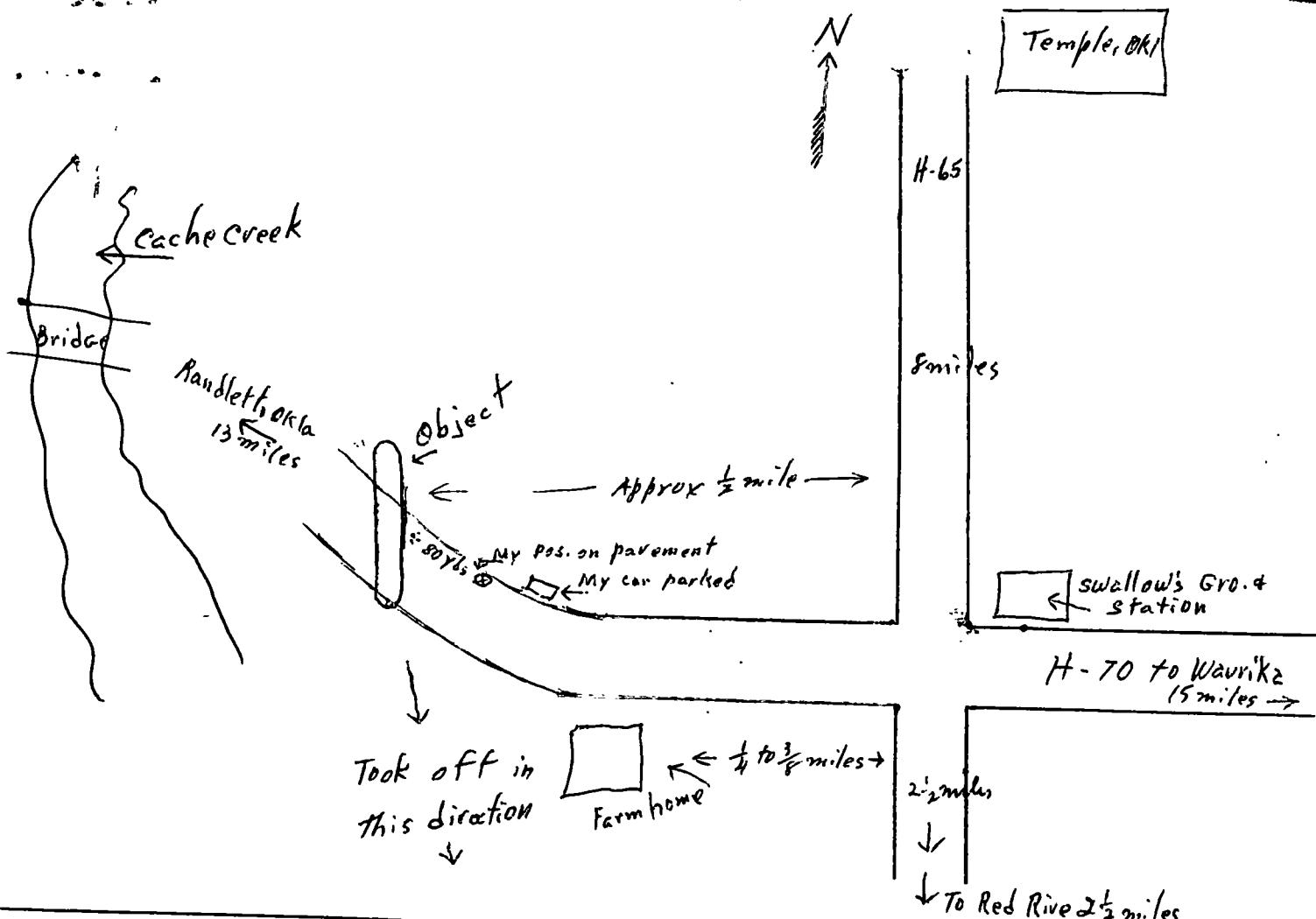


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Houston, Tex. Newspaper.

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Dallas, Tex. "

Lubbock, Tex. "

" " TV.

Albuquerque, N.M. U.P.I. representative

Amarillo, Tex. newspaper

Lawton Mornin Press Lawton, Okla.

Oklahoma City Daily, Okla. City, Okla.

Mr. Paul Harvey talked to me from Chicago

Others I can't recall.

Inquiries from Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects out of Okla. City, Okla. 3929 N.W. 19th St.

Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio - Project Blue Book.

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Witness to 'Flying Saucer' Reluctant to Talk About It

Wichita Falls, Tex. (AP) — Eddie Laxson, 56, is a "calm, solid sort" in the eyes of his associates, and he wants to stay that way.

So when he saw what appeared to be a flying saucer, last Wednesday he decided at first not to talk about it. But when C. W. Anderson, a truck driver from Snyder, Okla., said he saw the strange craft, too, the story came out Saturday.

Mr. Laxson said he was driving west on U.S. 70 in Southern Oklahoma about 5 a. m. Wednesday. "I saw what I first believed to be a huge van, or a house being moved, stalled on the highway," he said. "I got this impression because of red lights that flashed on and off.

"Since I couldn't get by it, I parked my car about a hundred yards away and walked toward the object.

"As I got closer, I saw the vehicle was shaped like a fish, seen from the side. I noticed a plastic bubble in the front. On the side I made out the figures TL-4 with the last two figures 38."

He said the figure between the 4 and 3 was either 7 or 1 but could not be sure.

"When a man wearing what appeared to be a mechanic's hat, with the brim rolled up, climbed a ladder into the object, I

thought about the camera I carried in my car and turned to get it," he said.

"But just then the object rose from the ground with a sound like hissing geese or a welding torch and took off."

About a mile down the highway he came upon Mr. Anderson standing beside his truck.

Mr. Anderson said he, too, had watched the strange object and believed it had been following him. He said he watched it in his rear-view mirror for several miles. The truck driver said the object's lights were intense and that three or four red lights were on the side of the vehicle.

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A former publisher of the Temple (Okla.) Tribune, Mr. Laxson now works as an instructor in electrical power production at Sheppard Air Force Base.

He said he got as close as 50 feet to the craft, was familiar with military aircraft, and that the strange vehicle "definitely was not a helicopter."

He added that he believes he could identify the crewman if he encountered him again.

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Strange Flying Object Sighted

By GLENN SHELTON
Times Columnist

The annual spring rash of flying saucer sightings spread to the Wichita Falls area Wednesday when a Sheppard Air Force Base civilian worker reported an early morning encounter with a strange vehicle on Highway 70 about 13 miles east of Randlett, Okla.

Eddie Laxson, 56, a writer and former editor of the Temple (Okla.) Tribune, now an instructor in electrical power production at the air base here, told of the weird sighting made as he was driving to work shortly after 5 a.m.

"I was driving west on Highway 70, about three quarters of a mile west of the junction to Temple, when I saw what I first believed to be a huge van, or a house being moved, stalled on the highway. I got this impression because of red lights that flashed on and off.

"Since I couldn't get by it, I parked my car about 100 yards away and walked toward the object, thinking that I might ren-

der some assistance.

"As I got closer, I saw that the vehicle was in the shape of a perch fish, seen from the side. I noticed also a plastic bubble in the front. On the side of the vehicle I made out the figures "TL-4 (7 or 1)38." Laxson said he couldn't tell for sure whether the second numeral was a seven or a one.

"When a man wearing what appeared to be a mechanic's hat, with the brim rolled up, climbed a ladder into the object, I thought about the camera I carried in my car and turned to get it. But just then the object rose from the ground with the sound of hissing geese, or of a welding torch, and took off toward Red River to the South.

"I thought of a clay pigeon in a trap shoot. The episode made the hair stand up on my head. I then examined the spot where the vehicle had been parked and saw no sign of scorching."

Laxson described the object as about 11 feet high, 50-70 feet long and without any wings.

Laxson said that despite the eerie experience he would not have reported the incident except that on down the highway about a mile and a half farther, about 100 yards east of Cache Creek, he came upon a large truck with the name of the town of Mangum painted on it. The driver of the truck was standing beside his vehicle, and when Laxson stopped to question him, the truck driver said he, too, had been watching the strange flying object, and that he thought it had been following him.

"I should have got his name," said Laxson, and early Wednesday he was placing calls to Mangum in an effort to learn the man's identity.

"It definitely was not a helicopter," said Laxson who has had long experience with military flying craft.

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TIME/PLACE OF SIGHTING: March 23, 1966, at 5:05 a.m. local time/highway near Temple, Oklahoma.

DURATION: Not given.

NUMBER OF OBSERVERS: One.

TYPE OF OBSERVER: Not given, but was a male driving a car.

NUMBER OF OBJECTS: One.

OBSERVER RELIABILITY: Seems fair to good from details given in his report.

SHAPE: Like a conventional aircraft (Douglas C-124 Globemaster) but without wings or engines; Plexiglas "bubble" on top appeared similar to that of a B-26 canopy; the vehicle had no wheels, but rested on some kind of support; it had very bright forward and aft lights.

DIMENSIONS: 75 feet long, 12 feet wide and nearly eight feet from top to bottom.

COLOR: Not given.

SOUND: As object rose from the ground, a high-speed-drill kind of sound was heard, mixed with a noise like that of a welding rod when an arc is struck.



ALTITUDE: From ground level to an unknown height.

SPEED: About 720 miles an hour.

TACTICS: The UFO was parked on the highway in such a way that it blocked out a portion of a road-curve sign; observer stopped his car and started walking toward the object; as he approached the UFO, he saw a man wearing a baseball cap enter it by steps from the bottom; after the man entered, it began to rise from the highway and headed in a southeasterly direction at almost the speed of sound. COMMENT: Surfaces of the UFO were smooth, with no sharp edges showing anywhere. Observer thought that the UFO was some strange new kind of Army or Air Force research aircraft. If so, what was it doing parked on a public highway? The Project Bluebook summary was: "Various organizations were contacted around the Temple area to identify a possible (new) experimental or conventional aircraft. All attempts at such an explanation proved fruitless, since there were no aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Although there are numerous helicopters and other experimental aircraft in the area, none could be put in the area of Temple at approximately 0500, 23 March 1966." ■

Strange Ship Blocked Road, Driver Says

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Ex-Newsman Spies Fish-Shaped UFO

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., March 26 — (AP) — Acquaintances and friends call Eddie Laxson, 56, a "calm, solid sort" and that's what the former newspaperman wants to stay in the eyes of his associates.

So when Laxson saw what might be described as a flying saucer—fish-shaped — he decided not to say anything about it. But then he talked to C. W. Anderson, a truck driver, and decided to tell his story. Anderson said he also saw the strange craft.

"It takes more courage to report a thing like this than it does to forget it," he told newsmen this week. "I know people will say that Laxson is durned crazy. But that's what I saw."

LAXSON SAID he was driving west on U. S. 70 in southern Oklahoma about 5 A. M. Wednesday morning. "I saw what I first believed to be a huge van, or a house being moved, stalled on the highway," he related. "I got this impression because of red lights that flashed on and off."

He continued:

"Since I couldn't get by it, I parked my car about 100 yards away and walked toward the object, thinking that I might render some assistance.

"As I got closer, I saw that the vehicle was in the shape of a perch fish, seen from the side. I noticed also a plastic bubble in the front. On the side I made out

the figures TIA with the last two figures 38." He said the figure between the 4 and 3 was either 7 or 1 but could not be sure.

"When a man wearing what appeared to be a mechanic's hat, with the brim rolled up, climbed a ladder into the object, I thought about the camera I carried in my car and turned to get it," he said.

"BUT JUST then the object rose from the ground with the sound of hissing geese or a welding torch and took off toward Red River to the south."

The Red River is the boundary line between Texas and Oklahoma.

"The episode made the hair stand up on my head," Laxson smiled. "I then examined the spot where the vehicle had been parked and saw no sign of scorching."

Laxson had made up his mind not to tell the story, he said, but about a mile down the highway he came upon Anderson standing beside the truck which the Snyder, Okla., resident drivers for Mangum Oil & Gas Co.

Anderson said he, too, had watched it in his rear-view mirror for several miles. The truck driver said the object's lights were intense and that three or four red lights were on the side of the vehicle.

Laxson further described the

strange craft as about 70 feet long, eight feet from bottom to top and supported about three feet off the ground.

A former publisher of the Temple, Okla., Tribune, Laxson now works as an instructor in electrical power production at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. He was en route from his Temple home to the base when he said he encountered the strange object.

LAXSON, pressed by newsmen about the craft, was asked if it could have been a helicopter.

He said he got as close as 50 feet to the reported craft, was familiar with military aircraft, and that the strange vehicle "definitely was not a helicopter."

He added that he believed he could identify the crewman if he encountered him again.

UFO, Pilot Sighted in Oklahoma

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Sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported at two other Texas cities Friday.

Two Texas Highway Patrol officers said Friday that they watched a strange glowing object in the air over Victoria for "four or five minutes" Thursday night.

At Bryan, Mrs. Gerald Nobles told police she saw a "strange object" in the air about 8:40 PM Thursday while driving between Caldwell and Bryan, and that she sighted it again near the Bryan city limits, where she thought it came to earth.

CHIEF OF Police Joe Ellisor at Bryan said highway patrolmen searched the area where Mrs. Nobles said the object appeared to have descended but found nothing.

"What bothers me," Chief Ellisor said, "is that an airplane could have crashed."

Highway Patrolman Buddy Means of Victoria said he and Patrolman Glenn Lissso saw a strange glowing object in the sky over the city after a group of teen age boys pointed it out to them at 8:30 PM Thursday.

"We saw a blue glow in the direction the teen agers pointed out," he said. "We looked up in the northwest and here was this blue glow. We couldn't determine any shape."

OKLAHOMA CITY--UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED IN OKLAHOMA NOW.

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CIVIL DEFENSE MAJ. CHARLES W. BUREAU PLANNED TO TAKE GEIGER COUNTER READINGS TODAY AT PLACES WHERE DOZENS OF HARTSHORNE RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THE POSTMASTER AND POLICE CHIEF, REPORTED SEEING "CIGAR SHAPED" FLYING OBJECTS.

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Questioned closely by newsmen, Laxton discounted the possibility that the craft was a helicopter. He said he was familiar with helicopters and that the craft that blocked his way had no rotors. He said it had numbers on it that began with 141 but he did not make out the others.

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Anderson is employed by the Mangum, Okla., Oil and Gas Co.

Passenger In Uniform Standing By

Temple Man 'Meets' UFO On

Highway

TEMPLE (Special)—A fish-shaped object, complete with a uniformed pilot, darted to earth near here early Wednesday and blocked U. S. 70 momentarily, an electronics instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base reported.

The instructor, Eddie Laxson, who commutes from his home in Temple to Sheppard, said he saw the object, which he described as shaped like a Perch, blocking the highway eight miles south and one-half west of Temple at 5:09 a.m. Wednesday.

Laxson said the object, which he estimated to be 10 to 12 feet high and 60 to 70 feet long, was parked at a 45-degree angle on the highway.

Standing beside the object was a man dressed in a suit similar to clothes worn by members of the Air Force, Laxson said. The man wore a cap with the bill turned up, he said.

THE OBJECT stood on at least one "stem" and may have had more, Laxson said. The bottom of the object was about three feet off the ground, he reported.

Laxson, about 60, said he stopped his car, got out and started to run toward the object when he remembered he had a camera in his auto. As he went back to get the camera, the object took off, he said.

The aluminum colored object went straight up for about 50 feet and without turning or banking went directly south toward Red River, the electronics instructor said.

Laxson said the object had no propeller and sounded like an electric drill while taking off.

LAXSON SAID he later talked to a truck driver who confirmed seeing the object while it was in the air.

Laxson reported the vehicle had the insignia TL 4138, or TL 4738, on its side. He said he quickly jotted down the numerals in the dirt at the edge of the roadway but couldn't be certain of the second digit after returning to copy them on paper.

The man Laxson saw standing beside the vehicle had chevrons on his uniform, the instructor reported. He told newsmen the chevrons appeared to curve or arch on top. He thought the uniform had three chevrons up and three down.

LAXSON'S WIFE, Pearl, is a first grade teacher in Temple.

The instructor said the vehicle had four lights on its side. Two upper lights were aimed at the front and rear of the vehicle and the other two were focused on the ground, he said.

Laxson said the two aimed at the ground made a pattern which he described as a half-circle.

"The lights were the brightest and most brilliant I ever saw," he said.

Laxson said when the vehicle took off he couldn't tell if the landing stems were retractable. When the vehicle

rose in the air it seemed to have a magnetic effect on the hair on his arms, he reported.

Laxson said that after the object left he got back in his auto and had driven about a half mile west of the sighting when he noticed a truck stopped at the edge of the roadway.

Laxson said he stopped thinking the driver might be experiencing trouble.

THE DRIVER told Laxson he was not having mechanical trouble but had stopped because an object had been following him and he wanted to see what it was.

Laxson said the truck driver, C. W. Anderson, Snyder, pointed to the object which was then traveling south.

Anderson works for Mangum Oil and Gas company of Mangum.

Anderson confirmed Wednesday that he had talked to Laxson and that he had sighted the object.

The truck driver said he had observed the object in his rear view mirror for some time. He said after he stopped his truck the object seemed to back off and settle down. This, apparently, was when the vehicle landed, he said.

ANDERSON said the object followed him at about the same speed for several miles.

The truck driver also said he had seen similar objects several times before. This was the first in about three months, he said.

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Clyde Evans, Anderson's employer, said the truck driver had been with the firm about 10 years.

Evans said other drivers on the same route had reported seeing strange objects.

Evans said Bob Stoll, also of Snyder, had reported Wednesday that he had driven a different route early Wednesday and also sighted a lighted flying object.

Evans said Stoll told him he was stopped at Junior's Truck Stop, east of Waurika on U. S. 81, when he sighted the object near Hastings.

According to Evans, Stoll has seen the objects before. It was about 5:15 to 5:45 a.m. when he sighted the object Wednesday, Evans said.

Sheppard Officials Quiz Viewer Of Odd Aircraft

About 35 officers from Sheppard Air Force Base Thursday questioned a Temple man who reported seeing an unidentified flying object—with a uniformed human standing beside it — on U.S. 70 south of Temple early Wednesday.

William Eddie Laxson, 56, an instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base who commutes to Wichita Falls from his home in Temple said he saw the "fish-shaped" object parked across the highway south of Temple at 5:09 a.m. Wednesday while driving to work.

Laxson said Thursday that the object was about 70 feet long and ten feet tall, with a port-hold about two feet in diameter, a door about four feet tall and two and one-half feet wide, and four bright lights on one side.

"A man could read a news-

paper a mile away by those lights," Laxson said.

"A guy was inspecting the bottom of it with a flashlight, but when I got out of the car he crawled up the steps and slammed the door shut," Laxson said.

The Temple man said the object then went straight up for about 50 feet, making a sound like a high speed drill, and then darted southward without banking.

The man was dressed in what Laxson called green Air Force fatigue-type clothing, and was wearing a tan cap with the bill turned up. He had chevrons on his sleeves, Laxson said.

The electronics instructor explained that he was about 50 yards from the object, and man. Laxson, an electronics in-

structor at Sheppard since 1951, said the man was about 30 years old. He was about five feet nine inches tall and weighed about 180 pounds.

"I would know him if I saw him in Oklahoma City tomorrow," Laxson said. "He would know me too, I bet you."

Laxson said he taught an air-craft identification course at the University of Arkansas in the early 1940s and could positively state the object was not a helicopter.

Laxson later talked to a truck driver who reported seeing the object while it was in the air yards from the object, and man. The truck driver, C. W. Ander-

son, Snyder, said the object had followed his truck.

Another truck driver Bob Stoll, also of Snyder, reported seeing a similar object near Hastings.

Clyde Evans, employer of both drivers, said other truckers had reported seeing flying objects along the same route where the object was reported to have landed.

The Air Force maintains silence on UFO sightings until a special investigating squad, known as "Project Blue Book," checks out the incidents.

Since 1947, the squad has probed over 10,000 "flying saucer" incidents.

At least 647 of the incidents investigated remain unexplained, the Air Force has said. A tabulation covering the years 1953 to 1964 attributed 2,167 sightings to astronomical phenomena, 1,167 to aircraft and 665 to balloons. Others were attributed to missiles and rockets and at least 226 were classed as

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Outer Space Or American Contraptions?

Temple Man Tells Of Many Queries About UFO, Some Doubters

By TOM SHARROCK
Staff Writer

TEMPLE — Eddie Laxson, Temple electronics instructor, has held up well in the week since he reported sight of an unidentified flying object south of town.

He has been deluged with telephone calls from newspapers, and radio and television stations, but the only bad time was during a three-way telephone conversation with Chicago radio reporter Paul Harvey and a drunk.

Laxson said the amount of skepticism from newsmen has been incredibly small. This includes queries from Amarillo, Lubbock, Oklahoma City, Washington, D.C., Tulsa, Fort Worth, Seattle, Dallas, Houston, and others.

"There was just one reporter from Albuquerque who asked me bluntly, 'Mr. Laxson, would you believe me if I'd told you what you just told me?'" Laxson said.

LAXSON'S REPORT of the sighting was confirmed by C. W. Anderson, Snyder truck driver. Briefly, the story is:

Anderson was driving down US 70 about 5 a.m. last Wednesday when he noticed some kind of strange aircraft following. He experienced a variety of emotions, but anger predominated and at last he pulled his truck onto the shoulder and stepped to the ground, ready to have it out. The object, he said, backed off, zoomed away and disappeared. He stood there, waiting for it to return.

In the meantime, Laxson, who teaches an early class in electronics at Sheppard field, was driving along the highway about a mile east of Anderson. He suddenly came upon the object parked across the road.



EDDIE LAXSON is shown beside an airplane he is building from salvaged parts. (Staff Photo)

Laxson stopped, approached within 80 yards, noticed a man climb into the object through a folding door, and watched as the strange craft instantly rose and sped away at a terrific rate of speed. Laxson copied serial numbers, beginning with 'TL' he saw painted on the object.

HE CONTINUED along the highway, determined to say nothing about the incident, when he saw Anderson beside the

truck. He stopped to ask if the driver was having motor trouble and needed assistance. Anderson, with choice and colorful language, told about a celestial hotrodder following him. Laxson said nothing of his own experience and went on to Wichita Falls. He there contacted a newspaperman he has known since college to ask advice on whether or not the sighting should be reported. The story was out.

The public information office at Sheppard field was annoyed at this and was set to announce that Laxson had sighted a helicopter. Somebody apparently had second thoughts, however, and no official attempt was made to explain it. Laxson then described the flying object to a team comprised of four majors, eight captains, some 25 lieutenants, two master sergeants and two women.

It is just as well that the Air Force did not stick to the helicopter story. Few men, barring aeronautical engineers, are better qualified than Laxson to describe an aircraft. He has been a pilot since 1941, instructed Air Force pilots during World War II, has over 8,000 airborne hours, and taught a course in aircraft recognition. Anybody who took an aircraft recognition course during World War II knows how nil the chances are of mistaking a helicopter for anything else.

LAXSON SAID the Air Force team did not seem skeptical when he talked to its members. "They gave me the impression that except for bits and pieces, they were familiar with everything I had to tell them," he said.

Laxson's sighting is unique. It is the first of thousands of previous reports to note serial numbers — much less record them. Similar objects have been seen on the ground, but this is the first to note the entrance of a man.

It compounds what has been the biggest mystery of the past 19 years.

The first sighting was June 25, 1947, by Kenneth Arnold of Boise City, Idaho, who was flying

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near Mt. Ranier in the state of Washington. Arnold said he noticed nine 'saucer-shaped' flying objects "skittering about the mountain's southwestern slope."

He was remarkably cool. He timed the objects as they flew from Mt. Ranier to Mt. Adams, 42 miles away. Their speed was estimated at a fantastic 1,205 mph!

Arnold's report was greeted with jeers. For one thing, such speed in 1947 was unheard of. For another, nobody had ever heard of 'saucer-shaped' flying objects.

THE NEXT DAY, however, Byron Savage, an Oklahoma City pilot, reported that six weeks previously he had seen a similar object in the skies near Oklahoma City. The flying saucers were here to stay.

Sightings that followed were sporadic and scattered, and treated as a curiosity of the age. The Air Force maintained silence, probably hoping they would go away.

They did not. Hardly a month passed without somebody seeing a flying saucer. Prodded into action, the Air Force began to investigate the sightings and issued a series of official 'pooh-poohs.'

Veteran airline pilots were told that they had seen "shooting stars." Reports of near-collisions were shrugged off. Strange lights zipped across the skies, turned at right angles, hovered, came to earth, disappeared, took off again. It was the planet Venus!

As late as last fall, the Air Force blamed hundreds of sightings in Oklahoma on the planet Jupiter, which was 'scintillating.' An Oklahoma City meteorologist pointed out that Jupiter was on the other side of the world when the sightings were made, but the Air Force did not argue.

THE OKLAHOMA sightings preluded others as far north as Michigan. Never before had there been so many simultaneous reports. Demands for explanations began to grow.

This week, the saucers have been busy again over Michigan, and Wednesday, for the first time, a member of Congress demanded an explanation. His demand met a certain amount of pooh-pooh, but is likely to be met.

Granted, most of the sightings have been illusions. Granted, there have been hoaxes. Granted, there have been outright lies. The fact remains that there were no illusions, no hoaxes, and no lies prior to June 25, 1947. And Venus was shining brightly.

One of the most significant statements was made last week by Maj. Charles W. Dutreau, who headed the investigation of a saucer's reported landing near Hartshorne. He said: "The military establishment knows lots of things about these UFO's that they don't feel free to divulge."

Why?

Now that's a real good question.

If they are American military aircraft, where is the base? Where is the factory? How has the expense remained hidden in the national budget? Why are we spending millions to develop military aircraft which cannot match one-tenth of the saucers' performance?

WHAT MILITARY pilot would land an ultra-secret aircraft in the middle of a highway where traffic is visible? Why has there never been the slightest rumor that Mrs. Smith was told by Mrs. Jones that her son is in a secret squadron, they fly these flying saucers, y'know.

If they are foreign aircraft, why are they foolishly zipping without rhyme or reason over our territory? What government would take a chance on one crashing? Why has no nation, quick to boast of its hydrogen bombs, boasted of its flying saucers?

If—here's another good question—they do come from another planet, why the serial number that Laxson saw? Why would outer-space folks adopt Phoenician letters and Arabic numerals?

If they do not come from space, where on earth do they come from? And what are they?

That is the best question of all.

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By BILL STEWART

State civil defense officials Friday will check reports of unusually high radioactivity in areas where "flying saucers" have been observed.

The tests at Hartshorne follow reports made public Thursday of a unidentified flying object which allegedly carried "a man in a green fatigue uniform."

Maj. Charles W. Dutreau, head of the Oklahoma Civil Defense radiological section, will move his equipment into the Hartshorne area early Friday to check an area where two different types of objects have been spotted repeatedly in recent weeks.

A trio of Oklahoma City men, interviewing residents of the town of 2,000, said geiger counter readings in some areas registered "500 clicks per minute, as compared with a normal of 6 to 18."

Dutreau said that even a reading of 500 presented no hazard to humans but definitely merited investigation. Should the high readings be confirmed Friday, Dutreau will report to the state health department.

The report of a saucer carrying a human came to light after at least two state men told similar stories to a Wichita Falls newspaper.

William Eddie Laxon, a 56-year-old Temple man who teaches electronics at Sheppard Air Force Base near Wichita Falls, said he stopped his car on Highway 70 near the Texas border when his path was blocked by a huge "perch-shaped" object sitting across the road at a 45 degree angle.

The craft was described as 75 feet across and about eight feet tall.

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away. There were four very brilliant lights on my side . . . bright enough that a man could read a newspaper by the light a mile away," Laxon said.

When he stopped, a "human" was checking the under side of the ship with a flashlight. As Laxon started out of his car the man in a green fatigue or coverall uniform noticed the car, crawled up some steps and slammed a door shut.

Laxon described the man as about 5'9", 180 pounds, light complexion, wearing a mechanic's cap with the bill turned up.

"I would know the man if I saw him again, and he would know me," Laxon said. "We were close enough that we got a good look at each other."

Describing the craft further, Laxon recalled the lettering on the side was the letter "T" over a letter "L."

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Below the letters were the numerals 168 or 468.

Confirming the report, C. W. Anderson, a Snyder truck driver, said that the ship rose vertically about 50 feet, then headed south toward the Red River.

The sound, they said, was like an electric drill. Laxon said he thought the propulsion might be some sort of magnetic field drive, because "the hair on the back of my hands and neck stood up."

When Laxon reported the sighting at Sheppard, it was brushed off as "a helicopter."

Dutreau, from his Stillwater home, said there is no known source of radioactivity in the Hartshorne area, east of McAlester.

The counter used in the first readings was checked by the CD office in Okla-

homa City and found to be working properly.

Hartshorne residents, as many as 40 in a group, have reported over 20 incidents since February. Some proved to be stars and airplanes but several treetop sightings remain a mystery.

Citizens now refer to their objects as the "cigar shaped ones" or simply "a flasher." The first type reported was cigar-shaped, long and silver. The others flash or blink red.

Taped interviews of 28 citizens, including the postmaster and the chief of police, indicated some objects were seen as close as a few hundred feet.

The radiation reported found "wherever one hovered" was not standard throughout the area, but registered up to 30 inches off the ground in spots reported by the witnesses.

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craft and had seen several like it in the past few months.

WHEN ANDERSON'S story was made public, Laxton reported what he had seen to editors of the Wichita Falls Record-News.

Sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported at two other Texas cities Friday.

Two Texas Highway Patrol officers said Friday that they watched a strange glowing object in the air over Victoria for "four or five minutes" Thursday night.

At Bryan, Mrs Gerald Nobles told police she saw a "strange object" in the air about 8:40 PM Thursday while driving between Caldwell and Bryan and that she sighted it again near the Bryan city limits, where she thought it came to earth.

Texas
CHIEF OF Police Joe Ellisor at Bryan said highway patrolmen searched the area where Mrs Nobles said the object appeared to have descended but found nothing.

"What bothers me," Chief Ellisor said, "is that an airplane could have crashed."

Highway Patrolman Buddy Means of Victoria said he and Patrolman Glenn Lissi saw a strange glowing object in the sky over the city after a group of teen age boys pointed it out to them at 8:30 PM Thursday.

"We saw a blue glow in the direction the teen agers pointed out," he said. "We looked up in the northwest and here was this blue glow. We couldn't determine any shape."

Texas
HE SAID seven teen age boys were standing beside U. S. Highway 59 in the Yucca Heights housing development northeast of the city watching the object when they arrived.

Means said, "We watched it for four or five minutes and then it disappeared. It left toward the northwest and advanced rather suddenly."

The boys reported the object was very close when they first saw it, Means said, and quoted one as describing it as "a real big light bluish object, round on the top and round on the bottom."

a minute shortly after 1:30 AM last Sunday.

He described it as being "round and higher in the middle" and that he could see open portholes in the side. "It was kind of hazy inside," he said.

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UFO, Pilot Sighted in Oklahoma

FROM POST NEWS SERVICES

The sighting of a strange fish-shaped craft and its pilot before its vertical takeoff from an Oklahoma highway was reported Friday at Wichita Falls.

A separate sighting of a similarly described craft was reported by an Oklahoma truck driver.

Eddie Laxton, 56, an electronics instructor at Sheppard Air Force Base near Wichita Falls said he was en route to the air base from Temple, Okla., Wednesday morning when he had to stop his car on U. S. Highway 70 because a silver fish-shaped object was blocking the highway.

HE SAID A man dressed in what appeared to be military fatigues was standing by the craft, but when he got out of his car and walked toward the object, the man entered the craft and took off.

Laxton said the takeoff was vertical and that the craft had no rotors such as those of a helicopter.

He said there were numbers beginning with T141 on the craft, but he did not make out the others in the early morning darkness.

Laxton, a former publisher of the Temple Tribune, said he had decided not to say anything about it but changed his mind after an Oklahoma truck driver, C. W. Anderson of Snyder, said he saw the

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