

Mark and Rolande Lehmann, both 39, live on a farm 8 miles north and 1 mile west of Carman, Manitoba. Own a 640-acre mile-square section there and a half section nearby plus a quarter section of pasture land for their horses 9 miles north of St. Claude (1,120 acres total). 204-745-3069. Interviewed at their farmhouse 6/9/75

(Both described an incident that occurred at their horse pasture north of St. Claude one afternoon in the presence of veterinarian W. L. Hill of Carman. Mrs. Lehmann said she saw something silvery like the top of a dome and thinks it could have been a weather balloon. It was settling down behind some trees perhaps 100 yards away. Lehmann said he got just a glimpse of it. Both said that just 2 or 3 minutes later they heard a tremendous roaring sound like a tornado just about 90 degrees to the left of where they saw the object. Tree branches cracked and ashes from an area that had been burned a year before swirled up some 50 feet in the air. They saw nothing that could have caused it. Dr. Hill later told me that all he heard was a loud clap as if a plank had slapped the bed of a truck. He heard and saw nothing else and had no explanation for it since the Lehmanns told him there are no roads in the area where the sound came from. Howard Bennett, publisher of the Sufferin Leader, Carman's weekly newspaper, discounts this story and says "dust devils" are common in the area and can snap branches off the tops of trees. Dr. Hill didn't feel it was anything worth talking about. The Lehmanns said that when they returned home that afternoon they called Bennett at the Leader office and told him about what had happened. Bennett and possibly one or two other people went up to the pasture that evening with the Lehmanns. They saw nothing and the Lehmanns got back home around midnight. The following occurred after the got back home.)

6-4 RL: That night we saw it between 1:30 and 2 o'clock. Here, and it went over there (pointing to a field across the road to the east). It was beautiful. When I seen it it was about 2½ feet in diameter. . . . It came over the house. It didn't make no noise. But when I went to see it more clearly, I opened my window. I thought it was going to hit the house. . . I went rushing to the front room (east side of house) and there it was, a great big thing. I had a silver dome. It was ~~n~~ just like--you know a washer? To me it was like a silver washer with clearance lights on it, a green light, a red one, a green, red. Q. You mean a series of lights around the outer edge, red and green, red and green, etc.?

RL: Yes, and I couldn't see the bottom part of it because it was on an angle all the time (see sketch)--

RL: The top one was the white one, the silver one--

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RL: Yes, on the dome.

Q. How big was that, like the beacon light on a police car?

RL: What do you mean, Mark. That was the dome.

Q. You mean the dome itself was lighted?

ML:X It was bright, just plain lights

Q. The dome itself was lit?

KL: No, I didn't see--

ML: You went to the phone (to call Bennett) and I said it's all lit up, remember? I said, 'It's all lit up there now.'

Q. When it was all lit up, what color was it?

ML: Just a bright white light.

RL: When I phoned, it hovered so low in the neighbor's field . . .

Q. How did you happen to first notice this that night?

KL: I was going to bed and I started to say my prayers and my husband said, 'Don't say your night prayers, I've said them for you.' And I laughed, so I turned back to toward the west window and ~~xx~~ that's when I saw it. I guess I thought it was going to hit the house.

Q. Was it coming toward the house?

RL: Yes, it was coming toward the house and then it hovered on top and by the time I rushed across (to the east side of the house) it was here(pointing to field across the road). And then it was really low.

Q. Just over in the field there? And the road is about 60 yards from the house?

AL: Yes, and I'll tell you there was a bush there ~~(xxxxxxxxxxxx)~~
~~(xx)~~ (a stand of
trees about 1,000 feet east and slightly north of the house) and go
behind it and then it would come out and fool around and go back.

Q. Was it going very fast when it came over the house?

KE: Oh no.

Q. what could you see as it came over?

RL: I saw the silvery dome with the ring of lights around it. It was about 2 1/2 feet in diameter and I'd say the clearance lights in my mind's eye was 1 1/2 to 2 inches apart.

6. were they round? Or oblong?

RL: No. They were, like clearance lights on the back of trucks? Kind of oval. That's what it made me think of.

Q. Oval shaped? were they alternating red and green?

KJ: Yes, and they were going in a nice--

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Q. You mean they were revolving?

RL: Yes, they were revolving, and my little girl woke up and she, she's 8 years old, she said, 'Mon, look at that diamond ring around that nice silvery thing,' and she came and watched. And the other little girl woke up and she said she never saw the object we seen. All she said she seen was a big white steam in a ~~xxxx~~ circle, but we were so excited at the time, I was downstairs and I didn't see that.

Q. So it came over here (the field to the east) and--

RL: Yes, and the it disappeared toward Carman and when it decided to go, Boy! Did it went! (Mrs. Lehmann is a French Canadian and speaks English ~~xx~~ with a marked accent.)

Q. Did it stay around here very long?

ML: A good half hour. You know, about every second night they'r over here.

Q. Did it make any noise?

RL: No. We were scared to go outside. The only noise I heard that night was when I opened the window but I thought it was my sliding window making the noise . . . Ooh! I forgot to tell you something. It had behind it a white trail and it was just like a milky way, and when it disappeared ~~xxxxxx~~ that trail behind ~~xxxxx~~ it divided just like the northern lights but it was prettier than the northern lights. It looked just like mother of pearl. It was beautiful. My little girl said, 'Are the heavens going to open and we're going to see God?' It was just turning light in the sky and I can't figure out wh~~xy~~y they didn't see it in Carman (she had called Bennett out of bed and he had started riving north toward their house but he never saw anything).

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RL: We saw another one on the 3rd of June and that one scared me. I was caying when I reported it the next day.

Q. What time of night was this?

RL: It was a quarter after 12 on the dot (12:15 a.m.). We were just getting home from the neighbors. We'd just boought a new truck that night. The neighbor's boy saw it too--Jack Oughten . . . We followed it, or maybe it was another. What we followed was a bright red thing. we thought it was 2 miles west of here. We followed it in our truck. The we lost it. I c uldn't tell you how big it was because it was such a bright red.. It was a red that would stun you. W kept going west and suddenly there it was, in Brian Ashton's field At least we figured it was his field. Those objects you don't know (in the distance) if it is in one field or t e next. But it was red and it was a huge

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thing. I couldn't see no more red and green lights. It was just silvery pink x color and you could see those revolving lights, just revolving slowly. And then suddenly it x disappeared. I don't know how it disappeared! We didn't see it raise.

Q. Did you shut your lights off?

RL: I never seen it disappear and Mark said, 'Well, that's the end of itx, maybe it was our imagination.' Mark said 'I'm going to go finish my seeding.' 4 hours.

Q. 4 what?

ML: 4 hours of seeding, I still had sowing to do.

Q. What time of night was this?

RL: It must have been around 1 a.m.

Q. And you were seeding at that time of night--you have a tractor with lights?

ML: Yes.

RL: Mark said 'it looks like rain, I'll finish that four hours of work, you can take the truck home or walk across the field' So he parked the truck to go to his tractor (in a field to the west of their barn)--and there was this great big object!

Q. Just west of here?

RL: Yes, but on an angle with where our pasture is (to the northwest toward St. Claude from the house. They would have been southwest of the barn looking north toward the object)

Q. Was it beyond the road(an east-west gravel road just north of their farmhouse).

RL: just across the road. We thought it was in our field at first, and the horses--we've got about 20 head there*-the horses really got scared. And that light was shining on one of our brown horses, he looked bronze colored because it was pink, the red light was bright, bright x red. It was revolving and revolving and the silvery object looked silvery pink.

Q. What about the light on the horse--did it have a spotlight or something on the horse?

RL: It was just the reflection of the pink light.

Q. Was it that close to the horses--

RL: Oh yes, it wasn't far above the horses. We watched it there maybe a half hour. It was big.

Q. What were the horses doing?

ML: They were stampeding, and you know my horses up in the north

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pasture (115 head north of St. Claude), they're going crazy up there.

They're getting wild up there. Last year they were tame but now they're getting wild. Whatever they're (UFOs) are doing to them, they're getting crazy up there.

RL: Well, anyway, the horses got scared, and when that settled, the horses kept on eating its grass. We could see the horse real good, and the horse was brown and under the light was bronze looking.

The light, it turned, slowly, slowly, slowly, and I says to Mark, I think there's something walking around it,' and then I says to Mark, 'No, it must be the shadows from the lights.' We thought maybe it was the shadows from the lights revolving. We stayed up from 1:30 till 3:30 in the morning watching it and it was still there when we left. We were too scared to this road to get closer.

RL: We seen another one two nights later (June 5, 1975)

RL: We had the baby (a year-old toddler) in bed ~~xxxxxxx~~ between us and I got sick and tired of having him kick so I got up to put him in his crib, and the house was all lit up red, pinkish red. Everything inside was pinkish red. Mark was sound asleep, and I said, 'Mark, the barn is on fire!' And I went and looked and ~~ix~~ I didn't see anything, but I did see somet ing red. It had a tail, the longest tail I've ever seen. It (the object) was an oval-shaped thing, but it disappeared real fast, in a flash. It went over the house(to the east) and what shocked me was when it got on the other side of the road beyond my tree (directly in front of the house near the road about 50 or 60 yards away) I thought it was the (Dufferin Leader) cameramen taking pictures. I thought the ~~xxxxxx~~ cameramen were on the east side of the road taking pictures. I saw great big lights, like what you see on tow trucks, but bigger and they were lighting all of my tree here all orange, they were turning and turning, and I called Mark and we watched it through the garage door (garage is attached to south end of house) and those big orange lights were lighting up all my tree and then it came completely to a dead stop--and that's all there was to it and we never saw anything. So I phoned Bennett the next day and he said the RCMP or nobody came out that night, so I wonder what those lights were.

Q. You thought it was the cameramen setting up t eir cameras and lights out there?

RL: Yes, taking pictures of that red thing.

Q. You saw somebody out there?

RL: We just saw th se big ~~xxx~~ lights, which at that time I thought w

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they had special lights to take pictures.

Q. This was 2 o'clock in the morning--what would they be taking pictures of?

RE: They'd been watching.

Q. Oh, they were out in this area?

RL: Yes, in the area. So now I don't know. I'm confused about that. They weren't out there that night.

Q to Mark Lehmann: And you saw something Wednesday (June 4)

ML: That was just a big uh, what I'd call a kind of canoe upside down, but it was about 75 feet long.

Q. Where did you see this?

ML: Up in the pasture (near St. Claude)

Q. In the afternoon? What time:

ML: About 2:30, 3 o'clock. I'll tell you it's just like (see sketch) (saucer shaped object with section in the middle that he said looked like clear glass. Outer parts were milky ~~xxx~~ colored)

Q. Could you see in it or through it?

ML: You could see through it

Q. What was it doing?

ML: Just moving along. I was in the pasture tending to the horses. It was right in the open field and it just took off.

Q. How far away was it.

ML: About as far as from here to ³⁰⁰ that granary (pointing to a small building in a field perhaps ~~600xxxxx700~~ yards away)

Q. How high off the ground.

ML: Oh, about 30 feet off the ground.

Q. And it was just moving?

ML: It was going real slow, and all of a sudden ssst! It took off. No noise at all. Not a bit of noise.

Q: And you saw it for just several seconds?

ML: About a minute and a half.

Q. And there were no lights?

ML: No, just clear and the milky color.

Q. How thick was it?

ML: Maybe 20 feet, 25 feet.

Q. Nothin' sticking out of it?

ML: Not a darned thing.

Q. Have anybody else seen these thing, any neighbors?

RL: No, they're making fun of us

Randy Neuman, 17, who lives with the Mark Lehmanns.

Neuman: I saw it thenight you bought the truck. I seen it about 4 o'clock in the morning and Sunday night I seen it about 3 in the morning. I seen it twice. You guys (the Lehmanns) stayed out in the field until 3:30 eh?

RL: Yeah.

Neuman: I seen it about half an hour later then. Out in the field (this would be south of the house and across the road to the east-- in nearly the opposite direction from where the object lit up the horse).

Q. How did you happen to see it.

Neuman: I just woke up and seen the red light. It was just about 100 yards off the road. It was huge, like from that end of the room to over here (maybe ~~xx~~ 30 feet). It was red, oure red.

Q. Just steady red or pulsing or what?

Neuman: Just steady red. And I watched it for about 5 minutes and then all of a sudden it took off. It was still red when it took off and all of a sudden I couldn't see it no more. And Sunday night it was the same way about the same place.

Q. What time of night was that?

Neuman: About 3 o'clock. I was asleep then.

Q. What wakes you up?

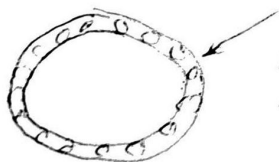
Neuman: I don't know. I woke up and looked outside and seen this red light. It was flashing Sunday night off and on. I figured it was a cop car outside, so I looked and here was this thing sitting on the field.

Q. How long did you watch that time?

Neuman: It stayed about 20 minutes that time. And then it took off.

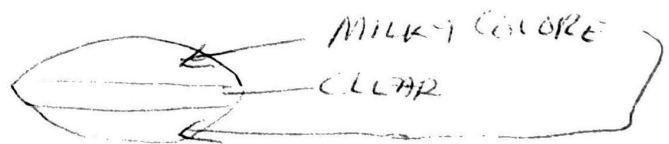
. . . I wouldn't believe them (the Lehmanns) when they told us about seeing them, but then I seen it myself . . .

The Lehmanns have 4 children. The oldest, a boy, is 11.



VIEW COMING
FROM CEILING

MRS LEHMAN'S SKETCH
WITH ALTERNATING RED
GREEN LIGHTS ABOVE OBJECT



MARK LEHMAN'S
SKETCH