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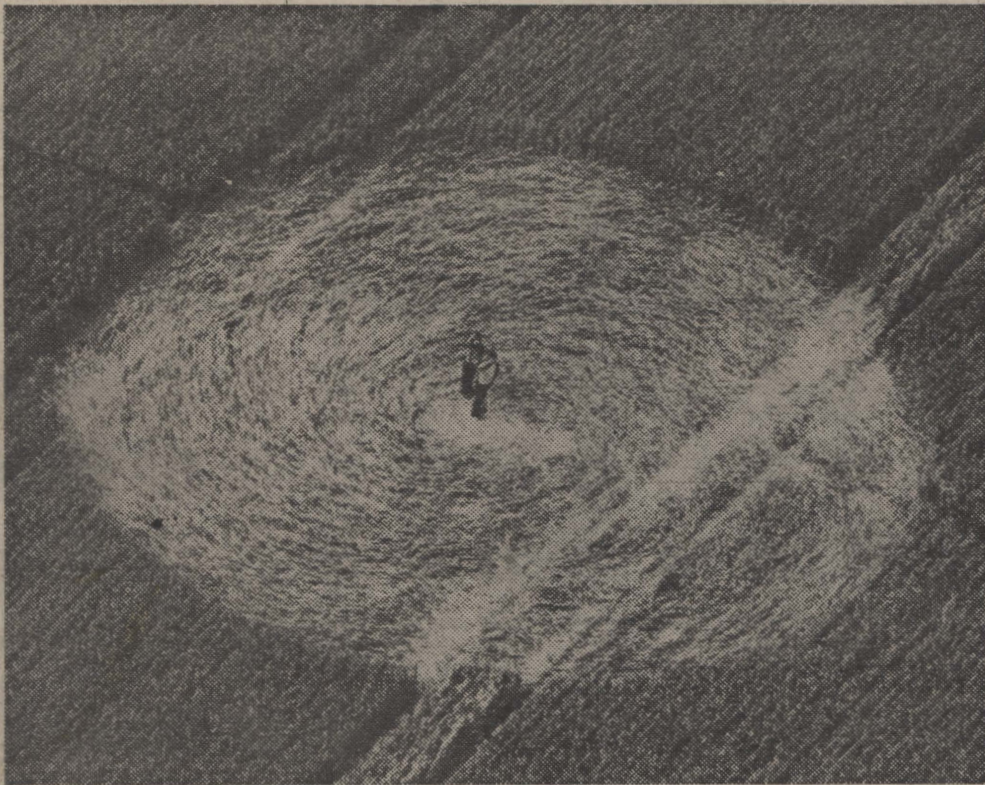
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Touchdown for a space-ship? Or is it just a practical joke?

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● THIS is one of five mysterious white holes in a cornfield that are puzzling people in a part of England, well used to witnessing strange sights.

● The holes, on a farm in Westbury, Wilts, look as though a spaceship has landed.

● Has E.T. responded to public demand and made an unannounced flying visit?

● One thing is certain. The holes are the most amazing sight in the Warminster Triangle for years.

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**Who knows
the weird
secret of
Westbury's
White Hole**



IT'S THE LATEST DARK SECRET OF UFO-LAND

E.T. phone the Express — have

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by JACK HILL

WHEN it comes to spotting visiting craft from other worlds, the earthlings of Westbury ought to know a little more than the rest of us.

For the Wiltshire town lies within the famous "Warminster Triangle," which is to UFOs what Cowes is to yachting.

But even there, five mystery circles that have suddenly appeared in a fresh green cornfield have got everyone guessing.

It looks almost as if E.T. has come back to earth.

The biggest circle is 50ft in diameter. The four others, 14ft in diameter, are neatly positioned around it to create four corners. Just as though a spaceship has landed there.

The corn inside has been flattened close to the ground in a swirling, circular manner, as if by a giant fan or whirling blade.

What has been baffling everyone since 40-year-old farmer Stan Pointer reported the strange sight is that there were no signs of entry by tractor or motor vehicle, except where his tractor had made regular patterns while spraying.

Sightseers

Theories have been flying around like saucers from outer-space.

Stan's wife, Janet, believes the circles were made by a whirlwind. "They can do funny things in a cornfield like this," she said.

But her husband said: "I've never seen anything like this in my life."

Some people say that deer are to blame. But Mr Alan Sheppard, on whose land the circles lie, says: "It is the wrong time of year for deer to be rutting, which could make them flatten an area."

Police in Westbury are not ruling out practical jokers. But a spokesman said: "Whoever did it, if they did, put in a lot of hard work and study to get the circles right."

Even that seems unlikely, though. There are several marks linking the circles now because sightseers have flocked to the field, on the B3093 Westbury to Devizes road.

But there were no clear marks at first, insists Mr Sheppard.

Such weird goings-on will not trouble the folk within the Warminster Triangle too much, of course.

Since the first dramatic sightings in the sixties, they have reported seeing UFOs of all shapes and sizes.

And if it turns out that the five mysterious cornfield circles were left by E.T.'s spaceship they will be able to say to a doubting world: "We told you so."



Circles of mystery... the puzzling holes among the tractor marks Picture: CHRIS WOOD