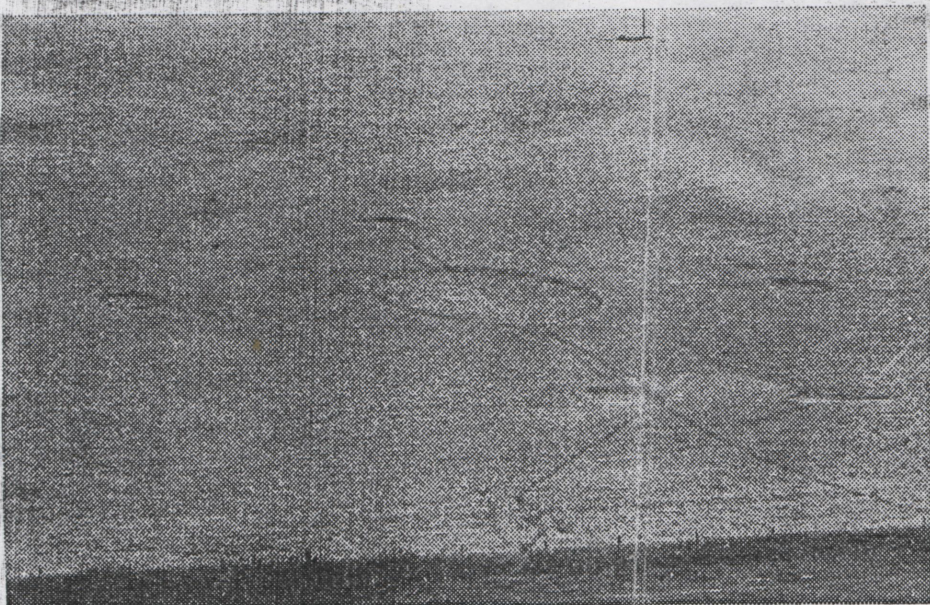


Ring spotters warned



The rings which suddenly appeared on the hillside.

Mysteries
by Jeannine Hutchings
UNWELCOME earthlings are landing on the mystery rings site near Seaford.

Now police are giving the downland invaders their marching orders.

Since the strange circles appeared in the cornfield at High And Over at the weekend, scores of sightseers have been taking a closer look.

Although the rings are visible from the road have been walking through the field

and crops are getting damaged," said a police spokesman.

"The owner of Rathfinny Farm has asked us to try to get people away. Although we can't put up signs because it is private land, I would warn people that they are trespassing if they go down through the field.

"It is also very dangerous if they park their cars on the hill and we don't want any accidents."

When the 20ft. rings, surrounded by four small outer rings, were spotted on Saturday morning there were no

footprints in the field. Now there are visible paths caused by sightseers going up to the circles.

One of the first people to see them, on his way to work, was Alfriston village blacksmith Mr Les Edwards. "I have never seen anything like it," he said. "I really don't know if they have been caused by spaceships but I keep an open mind."

So far no one has come up with a down-to-earth explanation for the circles. Police believe it could be a hoax but say it is a very elaborate one as the rings are so perfectly spaced.