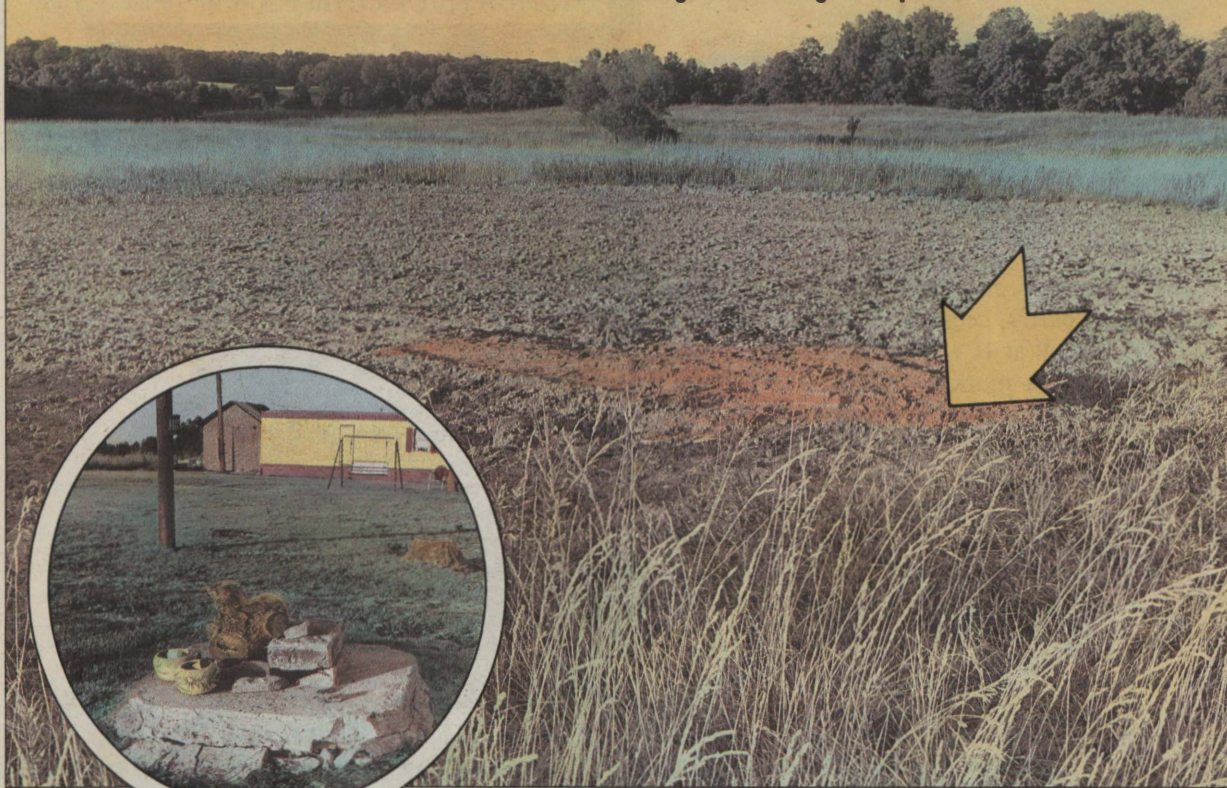


The field where the McGehees shot it out with alien beings is now a garden patch.



A cistern is all that remains of the house.

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# SCENES

*The Kentucky the tourists' brochures don't tell you about. Thirteen — count 'em, 13! — places everyone should see, just once.*

*By Vince Staten*

If you had been a tourist 100 years ago and passed through Russellville, Ky., the Chamber of Commerce probably wouldn't have directed you to visit the Southern Deposit Bank. But it was already a historic place, the site of the first bank robbery the Jesse James Gang committed outside the Jameses' home state of

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Missouri. It was the James Gang's big break. It transformed them from small-time Missouri hoodlums into federal fugitives. But at that time the gang was considered a band of bloodthirsty bandits, and no self-respecting tour guide would point out the Site of the James Gang's Big Break.

Visit Russellville today and any teen-ager cruising the town square can direct you to the Southern Deposit Bank. There's even a marker reciting the details of the robbery.

That story illustrates the problem the modern vacationer faces: many of the best spots aren't in the travel guides. They may be 100 years from now.

If you follow the brochures, you'll see Lincoln's birthplace and the Kentucky Horse Park, but you won't see Charles Manson's Boyhood Home or the Site of the First LSD Experiments.

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## SITE OF GUN BATTLE BETWEEN ALIENS AND U.S. CITIZENS

Some say it never happened. Some say it happened, but not exactly the way you heard it. Danny McCord isn't sure.

"My aunt was a religious wom-

an, and she swore to her dying day that it was aliens."

Whatever happened on that October night in 1955, it deeply affected the people in Kelly, Ky., a tiny community in south-central Kentucky.

Gaither McGehee, McGehee's wife and his sons, and a neighbor boy named Billy Ray Sutton were sitting in the McGehees' house when they saw a light in the field. It was large and bright and the commotion was loud and scary.

McGehee and his family would later claim that little green men leaped from the UFO that landed in the pasture and raced over to surround their house. What ensued was a wild and woolly shootout that belonged more to the old West than to 20th-century Christian County.

The aliens retreated and flew away, leaving a house chunked with square bullet holes. And a public that was skeptical that anything but a drunken brawl had occurred.

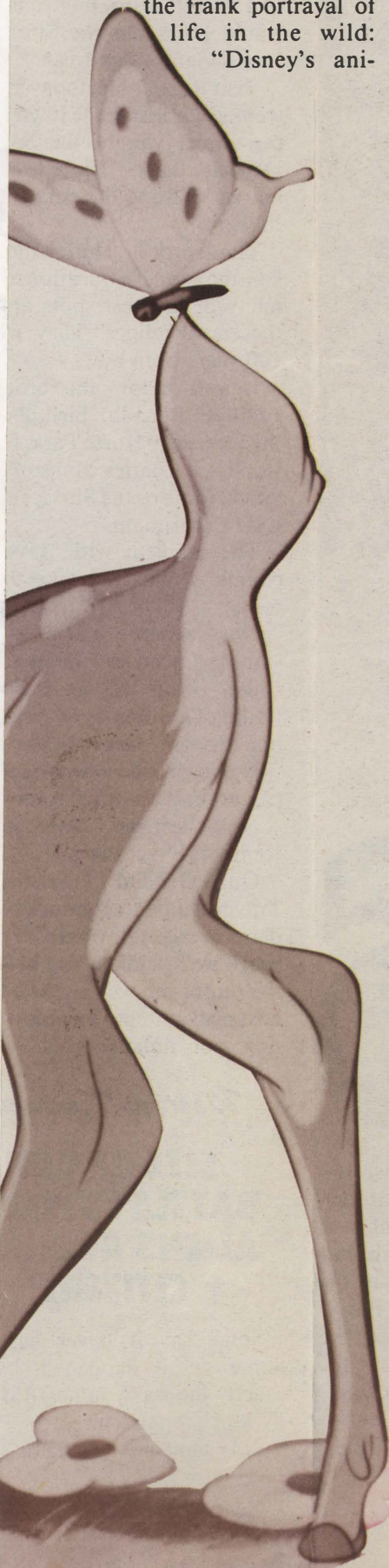
But the sheriff told newspaper reporters, "These are not drinking people."

McCord concurs. "They were religious people." He says his uncle was so disturbed by the events of that night that he died a week later of a heart attack.

The house has been torn down. All that remains is the cistern. There is a bare spot in the field where the UFO landed. But it isn't bare from alien radiation. It's a garden patch, with tomato plants. McCord doesn't believe in UFOs, but he believes his aunt. "Like I say, I don't know what happened."

Directions: Kelly is eight miles north of Hopkinsville. There is no town marker, just a highway sign that reads: "Congested Area, 45 MPH." The only business in town is a bait shop that a fellow runs out of his house. To get to the shootout site turn east onto Kelly Chapel Road. Go across the railroad track and turn left at the Holiness church. A half-mile down you'll see a block house, then two mobile homes. The spot

of magazine illustration." Another reviewer, Lloyd Morris, found fault with the frank portrayal of life in the wild: "Disney's ani-



mal world was one in which violence, conflict, ruthless physical force and utter desperation were normal, accepted elements of experience." (Morris apparently forgot that real forest animals spend their lives under those very conditions.)

Partly because of the negative reviews and partly because of bad timing — World War II was in full swing and the European market was lost — "Bambi" was a commercial disappointment upon its original release in August 1942. Since then, critical opinion has reversed itself (Leslie Halliwell calls the film "one of Disney's most memorable and brilliant achievements"), and the movie has redeemed itself at the box office to the tune of about \$30 million.

An interesting bit of trivia in the "Bambi" saga is that the voice of Faline was provided by Cammie King, whose only other film credit of note was as Bonnie Blue Butler in "Gone With the Wind." A sad footnote is that one of "Bambi's" most creative craftsmen didn't live to see the results of his work. A few months before release, composer Frank Churchill, who co-wrote the songs for this and several other Disney films, committed suicide. The movie's only Oscar nominations came for its sound track, including Churchill's scoring (with Edward Plumb) and one of his numbers (with Larry Morey), "Love Is a Song."

## Chatter

For an upcoming feature on the 30th anniversary of the filming of "Some Came Running" in Madison, Ind., we're interested in hearing from anyone who'd like to share personal reminiscences about the making of that MGM melodrama, which was directed by Vincente Minnelli and starred Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Shirley MacLaine. If you have interesting anecdotes you're willing to share, just drop us a note at the address shown below and include your telephone number. We'll be in touch.

Mail questions to "ShowTalk," The Courier-Journal Magazine, 525 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky. 40202. The number of questions and the time required to research the answers make it unfeasible to handle telephone inquiries. Questions selected for publication will be those with the widest general interest.

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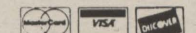
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