

12-Hynek: "No group of wit- the evening of March 21." were not observing marsh gas can very assuredly state we near a swamp in Jonesville. I young boy, having been raised many times witnessed this as a Van Horn: "I have personally seen it (marsh gas) myself." 11-Hynek: "I have never short distance."

10-Hynek: "The flashlight appeared to rise a short dis- call lights ascending and de- ascending, 100 to 150 feet a short distance."

9-Hynek: "No sounds were heard, except for popping sounds." Van Horn: "To the best of my knowl- edge there were no sounds heard in the Hillsdale inci- dent and Dr. Hynek was very definitely informed of popping sounds, this again is a description which can be found in any one of many books describing marsh gas."

8-Hynek: "A dismal swamp is a most unlikely place for visit from outer space." Van Horn: "I disagree with this for two reasons: (A) A swamp usually a place where there are no people around and also most cases requires a period of time to enter. (B) Also, a swamp is generally a source of water which could well be needed a space vehicle."

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Monday, May 16, 1966

Teachers by MEA

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After this the couple mov- l to Adrian where he was professor at Adrian Col- ge and she was public re- lations director. Mrs. arshney has written for wspapers and magazines od at one time was con- cted with United Press d International News ervice.

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Mrs. Masters Dies At 80

Mrs. Pearl J. Masters, 80, of Montpelier, Ohio, died Satur- day at the Hillside Rest Home in Williams County, Ohio.

She resided in Hillsdale for 50 years before moving to Montpelier. She formerly oper- ated a nursing home on N. West Street.

Mrs. Masters was born March 21, 1886, in Paulding County, Ohio, to the late John and Rosa May Gilkson Johnson. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Montpelier. She was preceded in death by her husband, David B. Masters, who died in 1959.

She is survived by a son, Raymond Lee, of Waterloo, Ind., and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at the Ned M. Towns Funeral Home in Hillsdale Tuesday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Charles Sum- man officiating. Burial services will be at the Oak Grove Cem- etery.

Mrs. Flory Dies Saturday

HUDSON — Mrs. Edith F. Flory, 77, of 217 N. Maplegrove Ave. died Saturday morning at the Thorn Hospital.

She was born in Weston, Ohio, on Dec. 24, 1888, to John and Mary Gyer McGill. On June 5, 1921, she was married to Edward McGill, who sur- vives.

She was a member of the Sa- cred Heart Catholic Church and

Two Teachers Hired At NA High School

NORTH ADAMS — Donald Devenport, principal of the North Adams High School, an- nounced that two teachers have been hired for the 1966-67 school year. They are Mrs. Samuel Hudnutt and Mrs. Ronald Pid- dock.

Mrs. Hudnutt, a graduate of Adrian College, will teach world history and American government. Mrs. Piddock, a graduate of Hillsdale College, will teach U. S. history and French.

Bank Sponsors Conference

LITCHFIELD—The Litchfield State Savings Bank, in coopera- tion with the Small Business Administration, is sponsoring a one-day conferece Tuesday at 8:30 a. m. at the Litchfield Youth Center, Litchfield, for retail merchants, manufactur- ers, farmers or any business- men or women interested in the sessions.

The conference will cover fi- nancial management, counsel- ing, research, advertising, pro- motion, marketing, retailing and serving business.

Also, how to procure govern- ment contracts and how to deal with the government on government contracts and re- search. There will be private counseling available.

Anyone interested in attend- ing this conference may con- tact the Litchfield State Sav- ings Bank or any of its branches, Camden, Hanover or Spring Arbor, by May 19 to make reservations.

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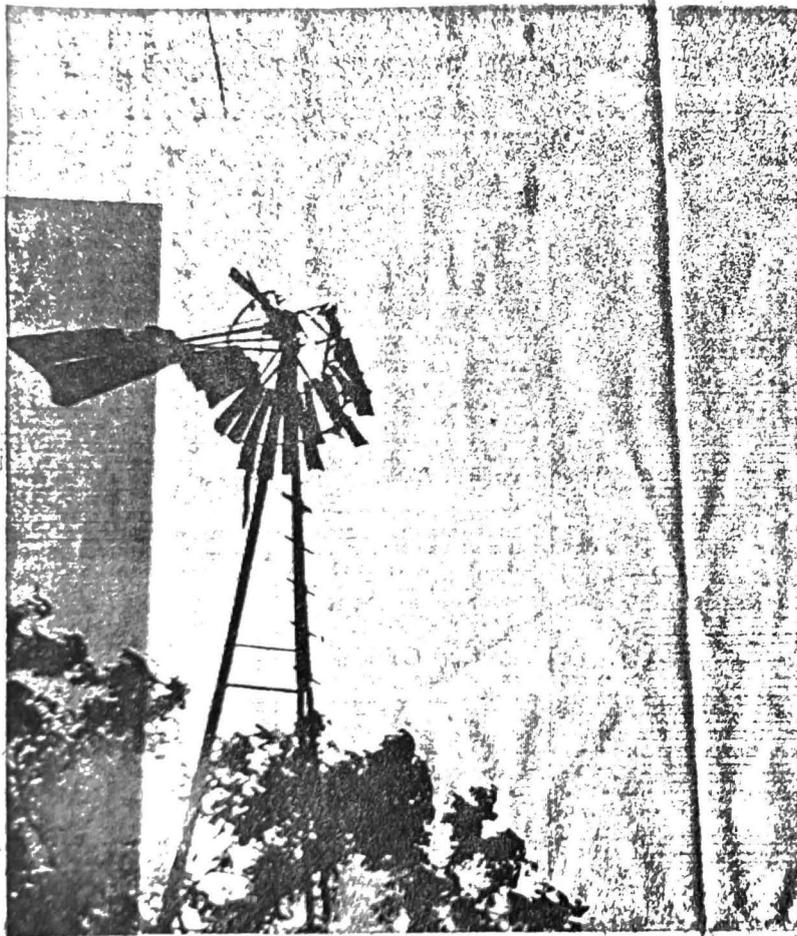
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Van Horn Challenges Professor's Marsh Gas Explanation Of UFOs



FLYING SAUCER?—This picture is submitted by William Van Horn, Hillsdale County Civil Defense Director as the final part of a four-part rebuttal to Dr. J. Allen Hynek's explanation that UFO's are marsh gas. The object identified by Van Horn is the top-shaped white spot in the upper right corner of the picture. Although it may not reproduce on newsprint, the photo-

graph shows a light halo-effect radiating from the pointed part of the object. The sun creates the glare of light through the trees at lower left. The long dark streak directly above the windmill appears to be a rust spot on the picture. The picture was taken July, 1965 near Cambria. Van Horn said the person who took the picture declined to be identified.

William (Bud) Van Horn, Hillsdale County Civil Defense Director today challenged Dr. Allen J. Hynek's theory that the unidentified Flying Objects reported in Hillsdale were nothing more than marsh gas.

Hynek, a Northwestern University astrophysicist, serving as a scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force's Project Blue Book, spent part of a day in Hillsdale investigating a sighting reported by Van Horn and a number of students at Hillsdale College. Several days later, Hynek held a news conference and said it was his opinion the sighting in Hillsdale was nothing more than marsh gas.

Van Horn, in challenging the marsh gas theory points out that the conditions under which marsh gas is most likely to form were not present on March 21, the night the UFO was reported by the college students. He also says Hynek ignored any reports of movement and according to Van Horn pursued a line of questioning apparently designed to substantiate the marsh gas theory, an explanation Van Horn thinks Hynek had decided upon even before coming to Hillsdale.

In support of his criticism of Hynek, Van Horn has distributed a four-part report: an analysis of Dr. Hynek's new release, a report and photo made by two high school students from Bay City, discussion of a letter written to Van Horn by Dr. Hynek March 29 and a photo which, Van Horn says shows a UFO.

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2—Hynek: "Certain young men have played pranks with flares." Van Horn: "Dr. Hynek was well aware that the flares incident occurred on Wednesday, March 23 and not on the evening of March 21."

3—Hynek said he sifted out "inconsistent statements." Van Horn comments: "The only statements that Dr. Hynek was interested in were the inconsistent ones and it is my belief and knowledge from questioning people that the inconsistent statements were very few."

4—Hynek: "The majority of observers in both cases reported only lights—red, yellow, and green, silent glowing lights, near the ground. They have not described an object." Van Horn: "We did not describe the outline of an object but Dr. Hynek was not interested when we attempted to describe to him the ascending and descending in a uniform manner of two separate color lights to a height of approximately 100-150 feet. He was informed by myself that at one time I could make out a convex surface between the two lights which I estimated 25 feet between."

5—Hynek: "Witnesses have described glowing lights—lights that seemed to move but never far from a definite locale, or which suddenly disappeared and popped up at another place." Van Horn: "This was by no means the description that was given Dr. Hynek with regards to the lights in the Hillsdale area. The lights increased and decreased in brilliance. It is very evident that his description as stated in his release could have been taken from any one of many books describing marsh gas."

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Phone call from -

Professor J. E. McDonald
University of Arizona -

is in town - would like to come by for a minute or two to talk with you
about your bill on the UFO --

He has been concerned with this problem, he says, for a dozen years -
has done a lot of interviewing of people - and had been set up to do
a study this summer but the AF decision based on the Advisory Committee's
recommendations to set up some kind of investigatory procedure quashed that

He would like a copy of the bill and release -- and expects to be up
here sometime this morning -

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Saw Ed Tuley

5/19/66

From the office of
Congressman Edward Hutchinson
4th District / Michigan

FOR RELEASE ON DELIVERY

WASHINGTON -- Congressman Edward Hutchinson of Michigan's Fourth District today said he was drafting a resolution urging the House Armed Services Committee to study methods used by the Air Force in investigating reports of "unidentified flying objects."

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"Mr. Van Horn raised another serious issue when he charged that the Air Force's attitude in such cases may well have induced reliable witnesses in other sightings to withhold the information for fear they would be ridiculed," he said.

"The obvious danger in allowing a situation like this to continue," Hutchinson said, "is that the day may come when information of a very important nature might be withheld for the same reason, with serious consequences to our country."

May 12 Van Horn sent a 24-page report on the results of his investigation to Rep. Hutchinson, whose seven-county district includes Hillsdale. Using U.S. Weather Bureau records, Van Horn apparently refuted the "marsh gas theory" with which the Air Force investigator, Dr. J. A. Hynek, of Northwestern University, explained the UFO sighting. According to Van Horn, wind velocity and temperature were not conducive to producing the marsh gas phenomena.

A major portion of the report was devoted to the results of tests conducted at the scene the day after the sighting by two young amateur scientists. They reported an unusually high level of radiation in the area, but subsequent checks with geiger counters showed radiation to be decreasing at a rapid rate. Chemical analysis also revealed quantities of the element Boron in both water and soil. Boron is not found in Michigan. Boron compounds are commonly used in the manufacture of glass and cleaning agents, but the element also is being used as a solid and liquid fuel for rocket igniters, experimental rocket motors, in nuclear experiments, and by the Air Force as a laminate for experimental plastics.

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4 House is meeting unless special leave to sit shall have been
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6 the signature of the chairman of the committee or any
7 member of the committee designated by him, and may be
8 served by any person designated by such chairman or
9 member.

10 The committee shall report to the House as soon as prac-
11 ticable during the present Congress the results of its in-
12 vestigation and study, together with such recommendations
13 as it deems advisable. Any such report which is made
14 when the House is not in session shall be filed with the
15 Clerk of the House.

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7 committee or subcommittee is authorized to sit and act
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dismissal of the charge. *from Hillsdale Daily News 7/15/66*

UFO Probes Prepared For

WASHINGTON — The Air Force intends to contract with a few selected universities to investigate promptly and in depth certain sightings of unidentified flying objects.

The Air Force said Thursday that no schools have yet been chosen and the number to be used in the investigations is still indefinite.

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 A scientific advisory board recommended last March that this course of action be followed by the Air Force, which has pledged to strengthen probes of reports it receives on UFOs.

The board suggested that each university team should include at least one psychologist, preferably one interested in clinical psychology, and at least one physical scientist, probably an astronomer or geophysicist familiar with atmospheric physics.

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 The board also told the Air Force the universities should be chosen "to provide good geographical distribution" and should be within convenient distance of a base if the Air Force Systems Command.