

FLYING SAUCER SEASON HAS OPENED

This picture was submitted yesterday to the Melbourne Argus.

It is the first response to that newspaper's offer of £1000 for the first fully authenticated picture of a flying saucer taken in Victoria.

The reader who sent in this picture and negative did not claim that it is of a flying saucer.

But he claimed that "it might be the answer to the flying saucer riddle."

He took the picture, he said, on April 4, 1953, while photographing a wedding in Numurkah (133 miles north of Melbourne).

He wrote: "The bride was just about entering the church.

"My camera (Retina II) was cocked ready waiting for a chance to take one more shot when I noticed

... a chance to take one more shot, when I noticed some flash from the corner of my eye.

"I turned suddenly and automatically pressed the release, pointing the camera to the sky.

"Puzzled"

"I cannot describe what I saw, because it happened so quickly I could not take another shot at the flash disappearing behind the trees.

"The camera was set, 1/250, F8, and about 15 feet.

"I forgot about the whole incident, as I do not believe in flying saucers at all, but after I developed the negative I was puzzled.

"I tried to figure out what it was.

"If it is a reflection of something, why is it so proportional and a perfect geometrical figure in a dark circle?

"In the opposite corner is the sun, which is not in line with the axis of the 'thing'.

the 'thing.'

"On the lower part slightly blurred tree tops can be seen.

"It was nice weather with scattered white clouds, and a fresh wind.

"Unfortunately I cannot remember the time—it could be ten in the morning or two in the afternoon.

"If it is important, this could be ascertained.

"May I request you to withhold my name, as I do not want to be ridiculed.

"As I said before, I do not believe in flying saucers or cups, except those my wife throws at my head as a gentle reminder to send this photograph on to you.

"I do not believe I would receive £1000 so easily either. My wife does."

The Argus said last night that local scientists said the picture was "susceptible to natural explanation."

The paper said it was holding the picture for

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more checking.

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