

Get ready for aromas of bananas, orange groves

That putrid odor that has occasionally lingered over Altona this summer — it stems from the sewer lagoon east of town — may soon give way to aromas of orange blossoms and banana groves.

That is, if the "lagoon deodorizer" a salesman has offered the town smells as good as it sounds.

Bill Loewen, town superintendent, told council Tuesday that he'd been visited by a salesman offering the deodorant.

Council (to a man) asked Mr. Loewen to follow up the offer as soon as possible, and check out the cost of such smell substitution.

"Let's try it", said one alderman. "Who knows with the smell of bananas all over town people may soon be clamoring to live in Altona."

Lack of proper garbage disposal at some Altona business places was brought to council's attention Tuesday. Apparently garbage had been placed outside in cardboard boxes and rain had disintegrated them, spilling the contents around. The offenders will be notified. It was stressed that garbage containers should be durable.

Blockage of traffic flows by trucks unloading at street entrances of business places was also in for some criticism.

It was decided that truckers or business places should provide flagmen to direct traffic around parked trucks when they are unloading in traffic areas. Most places have loading areas in lanes or at side entrances, but a few must be serviced from the front entrance. It will become the responsibility of the business taking delivery to provide needed safety precautions.

Delegations request dust control

Dust control for village streets was the concern of two delegations that attended the regular meeting of council of the rural municipality of Rhineland held on Tuesday, June 10.

In all, a total of seven delegations attended the afternoon session of the RM's meeting held in its Altona council chambers.

William (Bill) Siemens and Pete Wieler appeared before council with the full intention of laying \$425 down on council's table and receiving assurance that dust control treatment for the village of Rosenort South street would be proceeded with.

Council however, was in no mood to set a precedent, and felt that it should be proceeded with on the condition that a grant-in-aid for the work was approved.

Apply For Grant

Councillors John E. Wieler and Abe J. Froese moved and seconded a resolution that the municipality make application to the highways department to provide a grant-in-aid for graveling of \$400 and for liquid calcium (dust treatment) of \$1,200 on a 50-50 basis for a total of \$1,600 covering the following: from p.p. 248 to the east boundary

If no grant-in-aid is involved as in the case of Blumenort, it means that village residents must pay 75 per cent, somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$700.

Rhineland councillors also passed a resolution granting \$50 to the village of Reinland towards the cost of its centennial celebration. The village will commemorate the West Reserve's 100th anniversary on July 18-20.

In a vote of 4-1 council also passed a resolution authorizing the issuance of an occasional permit for the sale of beer and liquor in the RM of Rhineland in 1975.

"Dry Spots"

The resolution came as a result of a law amendments committee approval of issuing such permits for social events in those municipalities where there are "dry" spots in the province. Rhineland is such a "dry" spot, since no referendum for the sale of liquor in the municipality has been passed.

With the approval of the council of Rhineland, the Government Liquor Control Commission will now be able to issue liquor permits in the municipality for social events.

Council also passed a resolution requesting the Manitoba



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Three of the four members of the Plantetarium Investigation team are shown discussing findings at the mystery spot at Halbstadt. In photo at left, from left to right are electronic engineer Ernie Speelman, Ed Barker, who headed the team of investigators, and photographer and recorder



Tibor Bodi. The picture at right shows the bare spot in the beet field with Hans Osted, the fourth member of the team, making a plaster cast of one of the indentations of the field with Ed Barker in the background.

UFO or hoax at Halbstadt?

Strange markings studied

BY DAVID PENNER

Has a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) touched down at Halbstadt and left its markings in a beet field owned by Elmer Friesen? Or is the whole affair a hoax that has everybody in the area talking?

Talk there certainly has been.

Here's how the Halbstadt UFO story unfolded and what's known to date.

A mysterious patch of dying sugar beets was discovered recently by Elmer Friesen of Halbstadt in an otherwise lushly green field of beets.

Mr. Friesen says there was ab-

Alex Godkin, the Manitoba Sugar Co. representative for the area told the Echo that although the three markings were difficult to explain, he considered the area to have been struck by lightning.

On July 8 the Plantetarium in Winnipeg was notified of the

SCALE DRAWING OF MARKED SITE:



from p.r. 248 to the east boundary of Lot 24, Plan 555 (rosenort South).

The preamble to the resolution noted that the hamlet of Rosenort South wishes to apply gravel and dust treatment on their village street in 1975.

A second delegation consisting of John Klassen, Pete Hildebrandt and Jacob Falk attended concerning dust treatment of the village road in Blumenort.

By a narrow majority vote of 3-2, council passed a resolution setting a general policy whereby the R.M. will contribute 25 per cent of the cost toward application of calcium chloride on village streets.

No blank cheques

Council wants trustees to plan jr. high school

A motion endorsing the concept of a centre for the performing arts in any new junior high school complex built in Altona received the support of Altona town council Tuesday.

It was the consensus of council however, that it was the responsibility of the Rhineland school board to do the planning (as

tax requesting the Manitoba Health Services Commission to make a per capita grant for the ambulance service in Altona and Winkler. The fire brigades in both of the towns had approached Rhineland council with a request for this assistance.

It was noted by resolution that both Altona and Rhineland have agreed there be no financial settlement of assets and liabilities in the annexation of half a section of land along the north side of the town of Altona. The annexation of the land from Rhineland to Altona took place January 1, 1975. Both municipalities have agreed since then that no award be made in connection with the annexation.

Talk there certainly has been, and in an effort to obtain some scientifically reliable information The Echo contacted the planetarium at the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature in Winnipeg.

A four-man crew consisting of Ed Barker, Hans Osted, Tibor Bodi and Ernie Speelman visited the Halbstadt site Wednesday, July 9, and conducted extensive scientific study of the area.

(Several persons who at one point were said to have sighted a UFO, and given chase in vehicle, have told The Echo they are not certain of what they saw. It may well have been a star, one of them said.)

Mr. Friesen says there was absolutely no indication whatever that beets in this particular area were unhealthy before his discovery and there are no indications on any other part of the field of such damage.

Friesen made the discovery on June 25 while cultivating the field. He noticed an area about 30 feet across where all the beets were withering. On closer inspection of the spot he noticed three peculiar markings in the shape of a triangle indicating the presence, at one time, of a tripod-like device.

Friesen said all the beets in the area died within a day or two of the discovery.

Oval patch

Each of the three markings were exactly in the middle of a row of beets and measured 17 inches across and 3 inches deep with evidence of a probe or a deeper marking in the middle. The patch of dead beets was oval in shape, being 30 feet across at the narrowest point and 39 feet at the widest point. A secondary area of dead beets was evident just outside of and to the west of the oval patch.

Due to the location of the patch on the field Mr. Friesen completely discounted chemical kill, because the spot was at the edge and toward the middle of the field and there was no indication of damage anywhere else on the field, not even on the edges. According to farmers in the area, no farm machinery is capable of making the kind of marks that exist on the Friesen field.

Councillor Abe J. Thiessen summed it up with the comment that: "We aren't about to hand out any blank cheques." It was agreed that council would like to participate, but that the major task was up to the trustees in whose jurisdiction school planning falls.

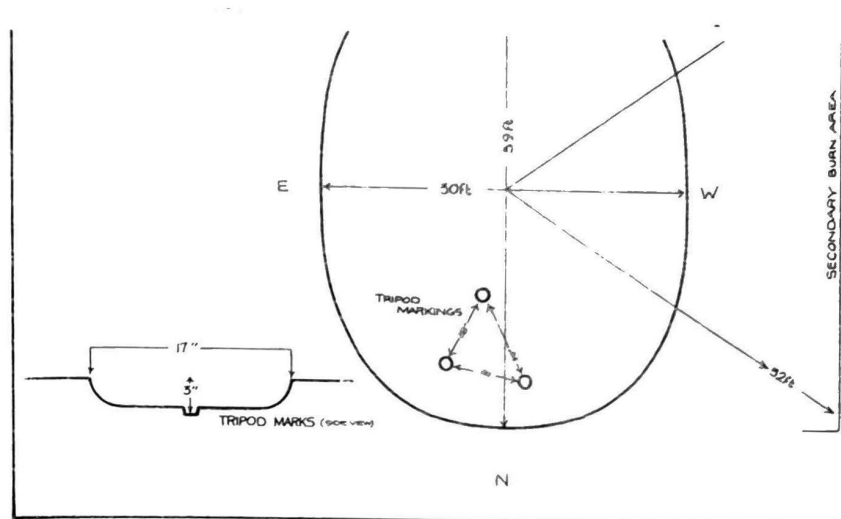
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Winnipeg was notified of the Halbstadt occurrence and they sent out an investigation unit to test the area. The team of four investigators arrived at the spot Wednesday afternoon equipped to do a complete evaluation, including plant and soil samples, plaster casts of the markings, measurements and radiation tests of the area. Mr. Friesen was interviewed on all details and all aspects of the spot were recorded on tape as well as paper.

On a quick evaluation of the Halbstadt site both Ernie Speelman and Ed Barker of the Planetarium staff completely discounted the theory that lightning had struck the spot. According to Speelman the group has investigated numerous lightning strikes and there was absolutely no similarity. Speelman, the electronic engineer, stated that if lightning had struck the soil type of the field would have resulted in severe tunnelling by the bolt of lightning.

No radiation

Although the crew found no evidence of radiation in the area Speelman was careful to state that a UFO landing should not be discounted. Barker said he and Speelman had been involved in checking the Carman area for radiation, and levels had been high enough to cause illness to people who might remain on the spot for several days. Mr. Barker also stated that the UFO had not actually landed in Carman but had merely hovered over the spot where high levels of radiation were found.



The tripod markings on the Halbstadt beet patch were of particular interest to Barker because each mark was exactly on the center of a different row of beets, two marks being 88 inches apart and the other 98 inches from each of the other two. Speelman felt that if the markings had been made when the earth was dry, a tremendous amount of weight would have been necessary to cause such indentations.

Barker said tripod markings had been discovered in Charleswood several years ago along with numerous small footprints, sightings had also been made at this time. Often in cases

like this, security has been very tight and all evidence is destroyed after government researchers are finished and organizations like the planetarium aren't allowed to research the spot.

Barker said often evidence of a sighting or a strange spot somewhere was "flimsy" but he said people know what they see

and should contact organizations like his to have such information checked.

Has seen UFOs

Barker himself has seen UFOs at close range and has studied areas where Unidentified Flying Objects have landed and is convinced that interplanetary travel and research is being conducted by beings from outer space. The numerous sightings from around the world (and most recently at Carman) seem to support such a theory.

The Halbstadt spot was puzzling and couldn't be written off as a freak of nature, he said. The area will be studied over the next several years for any peculiar growing patterns or even sterility which could add more information about the occurrence.

Barker claims that the UFO landing in the Whiteshell a number of years ago which resulted in severe radiation burning of the immediate surroundings and of the man who made the sighting and was at the spot at that time has affected the trees in the area to this day, almost ten years later.

Few such explicit landings have occurred but Barker encourages anyone who sights UFOs or finds mysterious areas like the Halbstadt one to contact him at the Planetarium in Winnipeg.

Juvenile judges too lenient?

Altona council expressed concern with the way juvenile offenders are handled who are in violation of the town's anti-noise by-law.

A police report for the months of May and June showed five juveniles apprehended and charged in this connection. The report stated that all had appeared before juvenile court and been reprimanded.

Four adults charged on the same count before the Justice of the Peace had been fined.

Police Commission Chairman Abe Dueck said most of the offences were by repeaters who had already been reprimanded for a similar offence in the past.

Mayor D. K. Friesen asked Commissioner Dueck for some details. He said he would contact the attorney-general's department in an attempt to get juvenile judges hearing these cases to take a much stronger stand.

It was noted that residents aware of anti-noise offences should be notifying police so that action can be taken.



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McLeod's Store



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DAWN THOMPSON
Rhineland Car
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Fourteen contestants vying for Sunflower Queen 1977

When the Manitoba Sunflower Festival rolls around on Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26, one of the highlights of the annual event in Altona will be the crowning of Miss Manitoba Sunflower Queen for the new year.

This year the event promises to be even more suspenseful than in the past. Speculators and judges will contend with 14 contestants. Two were undecided at press time.

Choosing the queen and her two princesses this year will be former Winnipeg Blue Bomber quarterback Don Jonas and his wife Rosemary, as well as two broadcasters — Barbara Mills and Alice Poyser, both associated with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The judges and queen candidates will join in a supper of Mennonite food and several other activities. The judges will inter-

view each contestant, as well as observe her at the parades.

Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. the queen contestants will take charge of the information booth in the Altona Mall, where they will dispense information about events, food and shelter.

Saturday they will be busy with the judges, and in the evening they will be on stage at the arena, where Miss Sunflower Queen of 1974, Jean Zacharias, will crown

her successor and the two princesses for 1975.

The 1975 Sunflower Queen will be escorted on a four-day, all-expenses-paid trip to Toronto. Her chaperone, provided by Treflan, the sponsoring company, will take her to many places of interest including Ontario Place, the Canadian National Exhibition and Niagara

Falls. A gift of \$100 will be hers to spend on a shopping spree in Toronto.

The organizers of the Sunflower Queen Contest expressed pleasure with the "positive response" from the district in regard to sponsoring candidates. They were also encouraged to find so many contestants willing to support the Festival with their participation.

WEATHER

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July 10		22	6	.11
July 11		21	10	
July 12		23	9	
July 13		31	14	

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1808

Capt. Bruce - "Moda"
Munkey Inn.

Warry Tamerz, REPINE Research, Toronto
Dennis Proglut 416-284-0247

Ron Hussen(?) ^{Norman} 472-2906
613-473-4194 + 473-4426

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Westport -
at night

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Copper 2297

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Cheryl Ann
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Elena Tashke
613-473-2183

Russell & Anne
Kovanagh
Sto - 694
473-2708

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Dr. PETERS HUDOCK, 231 3944
SANTA CECILIA, TORONTO
491-505

"Corn" 473-2658

5 youth Barry, Queen's
Trees cut
200 marks as
burn marks
3 Horse shoe signs marks

Robin Chase
Belleville Intelligencer (613-962-9171)

OPP - PICTON

Several Constables have seen UFOs

Al Copan, publisher PICTON GAZETTE
613-476-3201

Nov 62 near El Dorado (6 1/2 mi)

Fox's Arms 1 mi n of Bigh

Captain Del Scott
left on Fox

Cement bridge green Dodge

6-22-76

Jaqueline Russell - Eldorado

Lloyd Bateman, farmer

473-2714

Robbie 12

3 pm

3 mi W of Eldorado

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AF personnel
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Barry from
over 200 spots

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Bruce took pic
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6-10-76 - P.1

6-12-76 - P.1, + 2d Front

6-14-76 - P.1 + P.3

6-16-76 - 2d Front

Freddie Galbraith 378-2341 (Yarker)

6-12 Dave Sally 378-2361

6-12 Newburgh area (N. of Nopane) - 1 saw 7 signposts
eyes hurt

Dennis Craigen 28, RT1 Nantux
378-2368
4 objects 6-12 4pm

Archie Davis
388-2286

Howard Tolmow
378-2468

7 objects
sighting
from Newburgh
to Yarker

~~28¢~~
26¢

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- Dudgeons - Remington - just Queen's rd - jog - woman
RT.

- Prentiss -

✓ Holmes - Rt 12 - rt of Howard Court Q. - left

✓ Barry 1/2 way to Coopers - bungalow rt side - none on mailbox

✓ Barry left side before Holmes

Bentley

Robt & OMA Gordon - (Holmes Road w. side) - 6-12 1115pm
heard Beeping sound steady paced - 473-2236

log cabin
sit on porch

Constable Robt Bruce - MADoc
473-2387

? MAC WILSON 473-2698
6-1 (Holmes Road)

object line up out of
rees, short ones

white house, blue trim, steel garage

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~~28¢~~
26¢

4PM
Chapton Webster 473-4029
Sports hills?

Postcard
class
613-266-4719

613=
Helen Rodling 473-2508

~~Christine Bailey~~
Christie 473-2772

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Queensbury

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Capt. Bill Keady

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Therapist

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Brief report → Treat AF

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Plants. Δ pattern

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Soil could have

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as far as there has been no
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at request of AF

report → NRC in Ottawa

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crimed to the place. Just down it
at request of AF

Sep. Wilbur

+ Photos

1 man on bus location in Repton

2nd sample

off Museum 1
Stargate Lake bus

down Green's on road -
Lake

about 1/2 way of green mossy surface

lower down to the bus
nearest ~~to~~ lake 15' away from fence

design -

left side 600 lbs or better
not lifted out by man

ASK

4044

45, 1200

Alis Chalmers:

Car 744-6261

Carpenter - Peavee

~~Mr. Ferguson~~ -
Mr. Haworth - Chicago

Case: Racine

Boy whole
Solomon
Cough

Peavee
Racine, Wis
414-636-6011

414-475-2000

F1AT = Alis / Deerfield Ill.
312 =

Native

2 1/2" water in fuel

4 yrs since placed
Pretty solid

Gold mine 2 miles
20 yrs

15 mi'

1-lm

93.1

20¢

(\$1.25 per kg)

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~~House~~

~~5-6 PM
Trailer~~

B₁ 11

Seven Holmes 5 trees -

① Decade 11 or 12 Th 4 11 PM
looked 5 - no leaves out window

Katanga ?

→ W
white - out - white

no song

Pauline
Dudgou

② Tower Th 4 11 PM
← E

B₁ K Morgan & Karg

③ Tuesday - Monday 11 PM
western sky - first window
→ SW 2 MINIS

as if going down
P. white in notes

④ Fri June 4 first ever 9:30 PM clock
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Pauline red → with E

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⑤ June 12 Sat. 1 PM
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~~Helmer~~
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Jordan + wife had spent time

Not being captured

~~Waltham Helmer 29~~
~~Campbell~~

~~Kover 28~~

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CONTENT

U.S. Military
intelligence agents
Not around in Corpe

Waltham
Do 54 5600
Bell & Bell
KSN 5C7
Not in Corpe

(2.3)

Dudger 44.4/5 + 38.2
Civics - 46.7/8

Hydro - 47.1 (4)

Hydro - 48.3 (1.6)

Jordan - 48.7 (2.2)

Barn - 49.0 (2.3)

4/5

Hydro
48.4 (1.7)

J. Post Jordan
DNA

11:00 PM. June 12

Family City
Civics

6/12
ans

July 14
1/11

1/4.

62.1
61.9

Charles

Heuberg

David

June 12

Helen

~~Heuberg~~

Silly

613-378-2361

Mailman

June -

Chris

all four separate
cities - not together
university paper -
Grove, down to south

Berry Farm

(Hives)

3 woodcock shops

^{1st 3}
① July said grow
(12 yr old)

nothing grows there

② Closest to home, spruce, we get them in our stunts

Reynolds 6-5-76

Portia's disc on June 1st 2, killed in mine ditch
↑ HUSSEN ↑

28
TOKARZ 6-24-76

Burn marks —

dry patch in corn or barley field.
in circular formation

veg. scattered on one side

up to 30' in diameter

Tests

MIN. break down

Soil

veg

"Rocks in ditches def. scratched & crystallized"

magnetic anomalies
but esp. copper & lead

5 to 25° deflection

12 yrs

5. Open
Frame

Star Trek

July 23-25

Royal Pub / Hotel

Toronto

Hynes, others

2 holes 5' - 4 - 8/9 ft hrs

Coyrester

Thud



Upper Canada College

Yak Univ. 667-2100 (Science 667-2251)

Univ of Toronto 978-2011

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" Govt - Environment

Air Resources ^{Br.} - 965-4081

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— Natural Resources, head office - 965-1211

— " " Southern Research Station - 832-2261

— Ontario Research Foundation - 822-4111

— " Science Centre Adm - 429-4100

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~~Crowder~~

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MRS. Dr. Frank Reed - lighting expert
O'Hara / Elec Eng. Div

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exp on cont. Drift UNIV + 429-4150 X-110

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