

Quincy meeting is Saturday

UFOs still there

Sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFO) are still taking place, but they just have not been receiving as much public attention lately.

So says Walter H. Andrus Jr. of Quincy, Ill., director of the Midwest UFO Network.

Andrus has been in Ottumwa promoting the third annual Midwest UFO Conference to be



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held Saturday, June 17, at the Quincy Holiday Inn.

Sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue through the evening. Featured speakers will include Dr. David Saunders of the University of Colorado, who was a member of the team that conducted UFO study under contract to the U.S. Air Force.

Ted Phillips of Sedalia, Mo., will report on his investigation of the reported UFO landing Nov. 2, 1971, on the Durel Johnson farm near Delphos, Kan. An eight-foot ring of soil had

the appearance of exposure to extreme heat after a glowing object "shaped like a huge toadstool" hovered there, he was told by members of the Johnson family.

Brad Steiger of Decorah, author of a nationally syndicated column on various phenomena, will speak on "Flying Saucer Missionaries." Dr. R. Cedric Leonard of Oklahoma City will discuss his conclusions on extraterrestrial visitations in ancient times. Joseph Brill of Franklin Park, Ill., will report on UFO sightings in the Communist nations of Europe.

The UFO mystery is a hobby that occupies most of the spare time of Andrus, who is manager of quality control for Motorola's Quincy plant. As director of the Midwest UFO Network he maintains master file of reported UFO sightings.

A sighting which reportedly took place at the Ottumwa Industrial Airport in the winter of 1964 is included in that file, Andrus says.

"Many theories have been proposed to explain the presence of alien spacecraft landing on our earth and their ultimate purposes," Andrus says. "Our philosophy is to maintain an open mind on all



FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATOR — An eight-foot ring of parched earth glowed in the darkness and the texture of the soil was permanently altered when an unidentified flying object hovered over this spot on a Kansas farm, says Ted Phillips of Sedalia, Mo., who investigated for the Midwest UFO Network.

hypothesis by approaching this scientific problem in a subjective and objective manner."

The network was set up, he explains, to coordinate investigative and research activities.

Andrus says he is in frequent contact with Maj. Don Keyhoe

of Luray, Va., a native of Ottumwa who for several years was director of the National Investigating Committee of Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) in Washington, D.C. Keyhoe is the author of several books on the subject and has another in preparation.