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# No Saucers' Trace Found

## A.F. Checks Schmidt; Kearney Amused

Tales of flying saucers and other such space craft got an unofficial raspberry Wednesday night from an Air Force official.

A top official of the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio told the Dayton Journal-Herald his investigators have found no evidence in the past 10 years that flying saucers are real.

He said 5,700 reported sightings were investigated between 1947 and 1957. Not a single landing impression, footprint, saucer or little green man was found.

**Investigation Goes On**  
In Kearney, Neb., Reinholdt Schmidt's story of an afternoon's visit with the crew of a space ship near the city Tuesday was still under investigation, officials said.

Schmidt, 48, an ex-Nebraskan and now a California grain dealer, was questioned by Air Force investigators from the Continental Air Defense Command. Oil found near the alleged landing spot of the space ship was identified as ordinary but will be tested by the University of Nebraska.

While the Schmidt tale was giving Kearney a sensational conversation piece, most of the talk was of a skeptical variety.

**Newsmen Busy**  
"Everybody downtown seems to think it's a big joke," one business man said.

A Kearney clothier put up a sign advertising "space ship specials." A window sign in a car agency announced: "Space Ships Tuned Up."

The Kearney car-rental operator reported business was so good all of his cars were in use. They were being rented by visiting newsmen.

Presence of the newsmen was nearly the only sign that anything unusual had happened — or may have happened.

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