

# Carbondale UFO Tur.

aturday, November 9th! It was a  
1 night, but nothing could be  
ler than the wind blowing out of  
east, the direction from which IT  
ne over Salem Mountain.

nobody believed the first witness.  
Calls to the police department  
ially fell on deaf ears: "It  
ldn't be what they think. IT must  
a shooting star or something."  
nobody would admit the terrible  
th, that what they had always  
aded had again come to pass - a  
tern had been spotted in the skies  
r Carbondale.

he truth would not, and could not,  
accepted. Everybody remember-  
what had happened when the first  
tern landed back in 1918. Oldtime  
bondale residents recall with  
or the fate of Ike Balforio that  
ly night at the No. 4 dam. The  
gic memories of that incident  
e too tough to bear. People made  
uses: IT must be a flash light in a  
le, or something, but not a  
tern!" "God help us if IT is!"

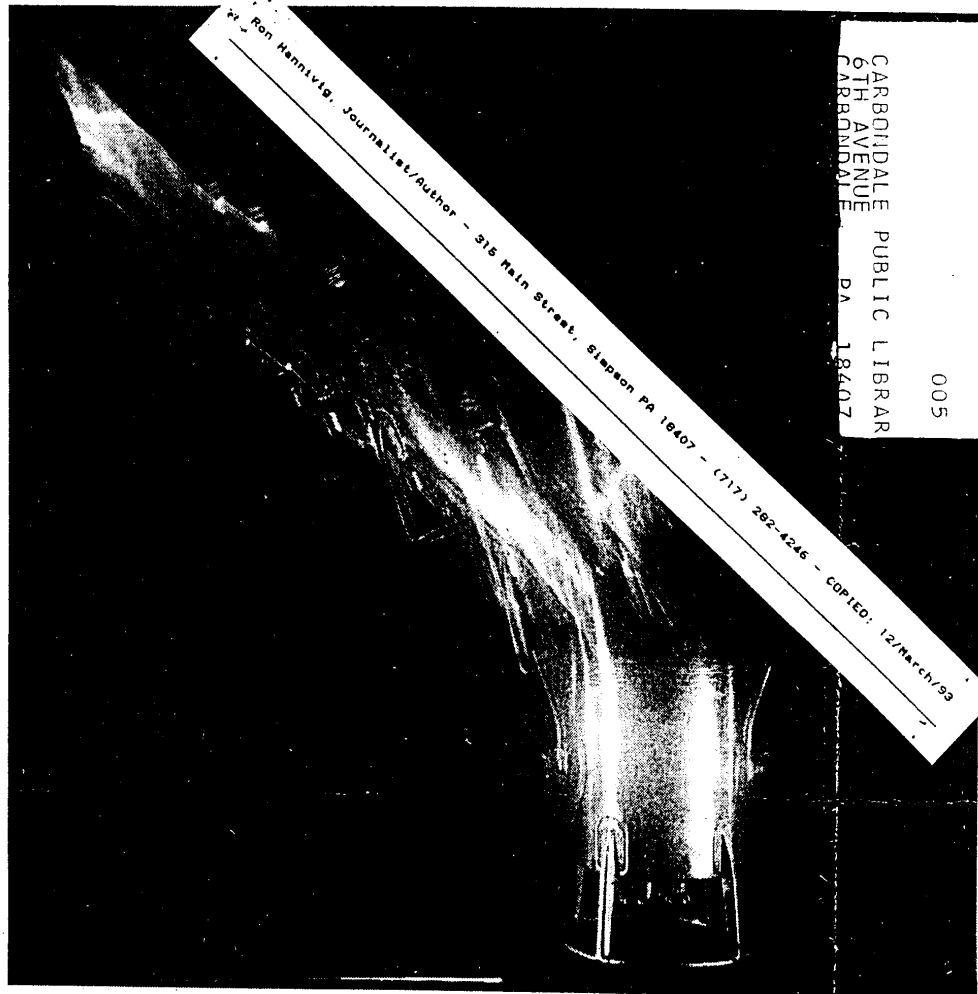
ut the calls became too  
nerous to ignore. It soon became  
too obvious that a Lantern had  
e again made its precarious  
earance over the Pioneer City.  
only thing that could be hoped  
now was that a landing had not  
accomplished.

hat hope was dashed against the  
n-strewn shores of a silt pond  
ind Russell Park, as anxious  
s reported the sighting of a  
ling glow from beneath the  
es of the tiny body of water. The  
v was said to dim, and then to  
then, in regular and repeating  
rvals.

urious citizens rushed to the site  
as terrified observers fled the  
a after seeing the mysterious  
v in the pond. Several witnesses  
ar that a police officer fired his  
l at the bizarre source of  
nination in a futile effort to  
nguish IT, although acting chief  
police Francis Dottle contends to  
day that no shots were ever  
f.

i expert on UFOs who rushed to  
scene from his office in  
udsburg expressed relief that  
of the bullets struck whatever  
as that was emanating the light.  
IT is a lantern, and we don't  
v that for certain yet, you never  
v what the reaction might be to a  
aliber slug," said the unidentifi-  
expert. The elderly but still  
getic expert expressed doubt,  
ever, that the object was a  
ern "It's not normal for Lantern  
ulsate at the frequent intervals  
th this one is exhibiting, but we  
t be certain until we recover

ie glow lasted for a reported nine  
s, leading to speculation that if  
sally was a Lantern then surely



ONE LANTERN LANDING— For all those who missed this event The Miner, through the magic of time lapsed photography recreates the night landing of "The Lantern."

those instruments must have been  
improved since 1918, when Ike  
Balforio watched a glow at No. 4  
dam for three hours before reaching  
his untimely end.

Spectators from near and far  
began to arrive, including several  
other UFO experts. These included  
Matthew J. Graeber of the UFO  
Research Information Center in  
Philadelphia, Robert D. Barry of the  
20th Century UFO Bureau, and Doug  
Dains from Binghamton, who represented  
Dr. Allan Hynneck of the  
Center for UFO Studies at North-  
western University in Chicago.

These experts expressed excitement  
that at last they had gotten a  
chance to obtain what they had  
always been searching for - a  
concrete example of previously  
unexplained aerial phenomena.  
Little did they realize on Sunday that  
during the next day their wildest

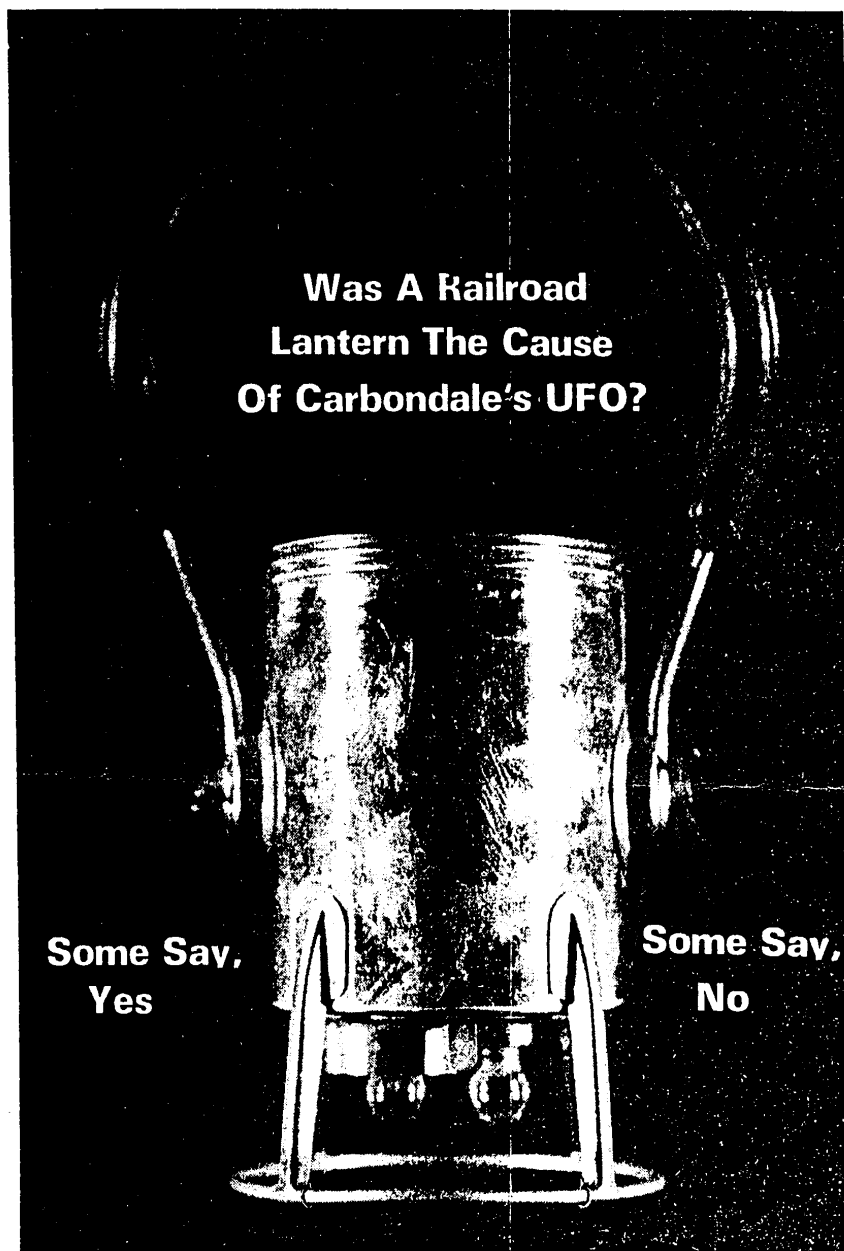
dreams would become reality with  
the extrication of the unknown  
object from the pond.

An attempt was made to retrieve  
the object with a net, but the thing  
was lost in the grimy depths after  
momentarily being grasped. Geiger  
counters were used to try and  
establish the existence of any  
abnormal radioactivity. (A high  
reading might indicate the presence  
of a nuclear-powered lantern.)  
Nothing definitive could be deter-  
mined from the tests, however, since  
none of the experts knew what level  
of radioactivity was normal for  
Carbondale. At any rate, the geiger  
counters showed nothing dramatic,  
confirming the fact that, if the object  
in question was in fact a Lantern,  
then IT must surely be convention-  
ally powered.

Some anxious moments occurred  
on Sunday afternoon at the site when

Carbondale Police and members of  
the Civil Air Patrol cleared the  
immediate area. Spectators did not  
want to leave the site, hoping  
against hope that they would witness  
the recovery of something shocking -  
perhaps even a Lantern. What was  
termed by some onlookers as a  
"near riot" broke out between some  
reluctant civilians and the C.A.P.

Meanwhile, down at City Hall, Sgt.



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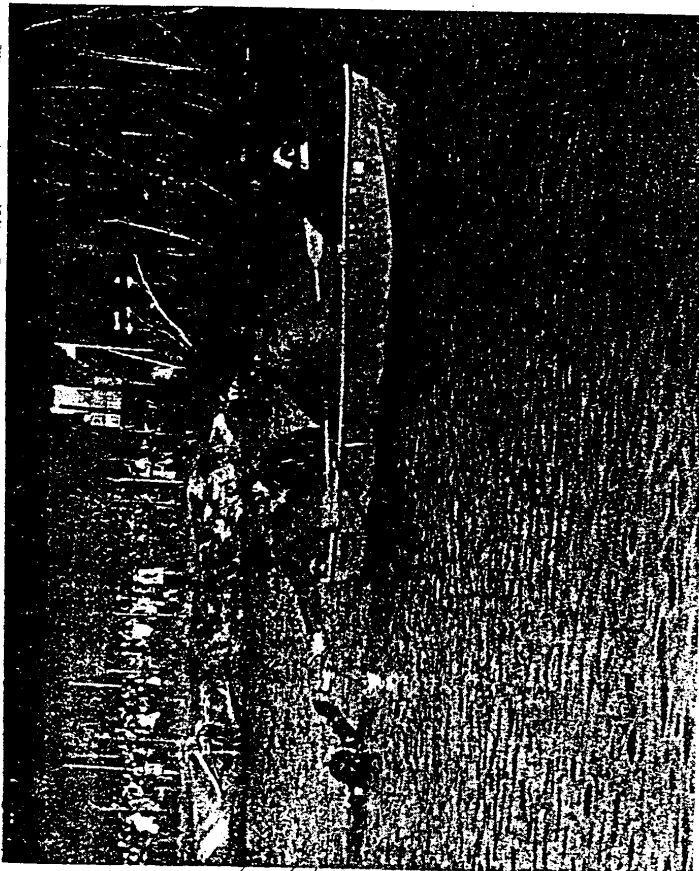
THIS is just part of the crowds that came out to see first hand what the UFO sighting was all about. Despite the fact that the Carbondale Police Department terminated the search Monday afternoon, onlookers were still in the area Tuesday morning. (NEWS photo by Ros-Al)

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ACTING CHIEF of Police Francis X. Dottle (right) makes a point to Douglas Dain (left) of the UFO Network

Association in New York City. (NEWS photo by Ros-Al)



Scuba diver holds railroad lantern for geiger counter reading by Jerome Gillott Jr., Monday afternoon. Lantern ap-

parently ended almost three days of UFO search. For story and other photo see page one. (NEWS photo by Ros-Al)