

equipi.
trucks.

Small w.
has been lo.
\$150,000 annua.
15 years ago. On
professional reside.
nies in the United Sta.
ing classical theater yea.
round, the Folger projects that
box-office receipts will cover
only \$1.1 million of its \$1.6

Folger thea . . long-
vival.

tis-
ger,
the
theater's
pending demise came in mid-
January, during a successful
run of "Much Ado About Noth-
ing."
"Judging by the public's re-
sponse to the decision to close

Avowed 'Curious George' pursues close encounter of the third kind

DEMONSTRATION, TX ENTERPRISE 2/15/85

LINCOLNTON, N.C. (AP) — In 1944, a 15-year-old Boy Scout named George Fawcett read a news story about "silver balls floating in the air."

It something that the Nazis planned to use to confuse the Allies during bombing raids.

The story led to a 40-year interest in unidentified flying objects — a mission that has cost Fawcett \$27,000 of his own money and at least one job, sent him around the country to investigate some 1,000 reported UFO sightings and filled more than 20 file drawers in his Lincolnton home with UFO-related documents.

"I'm not the Billy Graham of UFOs, I'm more like the Curious George," Fawcett, 55, said during an interview at his wife's Lincolnton sandwich shop, which features a "UFO Room" full of framed pictures and clippings.

"It was just curiosity," he said. "Two, there was the deep

feeling I got that they were not being treated with the respect due them. I felt that anything that's been going on for four decades in 140 nations deserves close scientific scrutiny."

Fawcett said that despite new efforts in China and the Soviet Union to investigate UFOs, official America is more tight-lipped about them than ever.

"Americans have accepted them without a government announcement," he said, however. "The skeptics are in the minority. . . . People don't ask me if UFOs are real anymore, they ask what they've been up to."

Fawcett is the public relations director for the North Carolina chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, which has 75 field investigators in 45 cities across the state. He was MU-FON's state director from 1969 to 1980.

But this year, for the first time since 1952, he won't be

providing his annual report of North Carolina UFO activity for the previous year.

He's had to look for a job because the newspaper where he worked closed down. He's also been spending more time on worldwide research — particularly a study comparing human reactions to UFOs with the hard evidence of radar trackings and ground markings.

He collected information on three sightings in the state in 1984.

Of the 1,000 reported sightings Fawcett has investigated over the years, he said all but about 22 percent could be explained as natural phenomena, man-made objects or hoaxes.

He said UFO investigators also lack cooperation from government agencies he believes are probing UFOs, including the Air Force and the Central Intelligence Agency.

RN SP

- 132 Care
 - 133 Inter/Electro
 - 134 Inter Work
 - 135 Instruction Work
 - 136 Dirt/Sand/Shell
 - 137 Electrical Work
 - 138 Fencing
 - 139 Fireplaces
 - 140 Firewood
 - 141 Hauling
 - 142 Home Maintenance
 - 143 House Cleaning
 - 144 House Leveling
 - 145 House Washing
 - 146 Insulation
 - 147 Land Clearing
 - 148 Landscaping
 - 149 Land/Yard/Service
 - 150 Mobile Home Serv
 - 151 Moving
 - 152 Painting
 - 153 Photography
 - 154 Pool Maint /Service
 - 155 Plumbing
 - 156 Remodeling
 - 157 Roofing
 - 158 Sewing Machine Re
 - 159 Secretarial Service
 - 160 Sewing/Alterations
 - 161 Tree Service
 - 162 Misc Services
- RECREATIONA
- 170 Airplanes
 - 171 Bicycles
 - 172 Boats/Motors/Sails
 - 173 Campers/Camp Equ
 - 174 Firearms
 - 175 Hunting Prop./Leas
 - 176 Sporting Goods
 - 177 Motorcycles
 - 178 Motor Homes
 - 179 Motor Homes Rent
 - 180 Recreational Vehicl
 - 181 Travel Trailers
- TRANSPORTA
- 190 Autos For Sale
 - 191 Sports
 - 192 Imports
 - 193 Classic
 - 194 Auto Parts/Tires
 - 195 Autos Wanted
 - 196 4 X 4 Vehicles
 - 197 Trucks/Trailers
 - 198 Vans/Buses
 - 199 Misc. Autos
 - 200 Auto Repairs