

THE PASSING SHOW

Pilot's Chase After "Flying Saucer"

NEW YORK, Oct. 3: "Flying saucers" hit the front pages of the Sunday newspapers today with the report from a National Guard pilot who told of a half-hour encounter with an illuminated disk in North Dakota on Friday night.

In a statement to Air Force Intelligence, the pilot, who was flying a F51 fighter, said that he encountered the disk at 4,500ft. He said that it "out-ran and out-maneuvred" him until he lost it at 17,500ft. His performance was watched by two control tower operators and the pilot of another plane.

Bird Hitch-Hiked

DARWIN, Oct. 3: A hitch-hiking bird—one of the strangest birds in the world—has been seen and captured for the first time in Australia by the American scientist, Mr. Herbert Deignan, Curator of Birds at the United States National Museum. It is a cattle ibis (*bubucus ibis*).

This tropical hitch-hiker is a white bird with a yellow hood. It has been seen in Java and Africa, but was never thought to have reached Australia. It spends its life riding on the backs of buffaloes, cattle or any wild beast with a movement sufficiently smooth. The specimen is believed to be a type

men is believed to be a type specially adapted to Australian conditions.

To trap it Mr. Deignan had to stalk the wild buffalo. He released a batch of insects as the buffalo approached his grass hide-out, and the bird flew towards them. It was caught in a net.

Brunette Cattle Drovers

DARWIN, Oct. 3: Two of the happiest young women in Australia—both cattle drovers—arrived in Darwin yesterday. They are Mrs. Nellie Dann (24), who, with her two sons, Neville (3) and Garry (5), droves cattle for months at a time across the Northern Territory, and her young sister, Mollie Lavender (21), who rides with her on droving trips. They travelled 500 miles to keep an appointment with the dentist.

The young women are members of a unique droving family which is scattered across overland routes from Western Australia into Queensland. Two brothers are now behind cattle somewhere between Newcastle Waters and Camooweal. Another sister Irene (16) is working stock with the parents of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Lavender, at Birdum. Both the young women are attractive brunettes who are seeing Darwin for the first time.

Change Of Address

Change Of Address

William Robert Esplen (30), who was arrested on Friday night on a charge of having refused to give his address to Det. J. Graham, was still in custody last night because he refused to comply. He appeared before Mr. A. G. Smith, S.M., in the Perth Police Court on Saturday, but Sgt. R. H. Hickson, prosecuting, asked for a remand for eight days as Esplen "has not yet told his address to the police." Bail was not discussed.

His "address" now is care of the Central police station.