

# "Saucer" Seen Over Launceston

LAUNCESTON: A flying saucer or some other mysterious object has been reported by Launceston golfers.

Mr. T. D. Wivell, of West Tamar, was playing on Riverside course when he drew the attention of his companions to a large bird.

While they were trying to identify it, Mr. Wivell saw a "shiney object" very high in the sky. It was flying in circles and giving off a stream of white vapour.

"I cannot say what the exact shape of the object was," said Mr. Wivell, "as it was too high to be seen clearly.

**"It seemed 10 times as high as the customary altitude of aeroplanes. All I could see was that it was aluminium coloured and when it turned it flashed in the sun."**

With Mr. Wivell were Mr. A. E. Brown, of Como Crescent, and Mr. T. Wilson, of Hill Street, Launceston, both of

Street, Launceston, both of whom saw the object.

Mr. Brown said it was travelling north when Mr. Wivell pointed it out to him. "It seemed transparent and twinkled in the sunlight," he said.

"It was very high and gave off a white vapour trail.

Mr. Wivell saw the object again later when it was flying in circles over Launceston and gradually moving southwards.

From the way in which it was moving, and because it left a white trail, he thought it might be a jet or rocket type of machine.

Many people at Mowbray Heights, a Launceston suburb, said they saw a "bright light" in the sky the same afternoon, but thought it was the reflection of the sun on an aircraft.

Civil aviation authorities at Western Junction airport said they had no knowledge of the object. It could not have been a weather balloon because this did not leave vapour trails, and there were no jet planes over the State on Sunday.

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