

CALOUNDRA

NOT A "FLYING SAUCER"

On Thursday, 20th September, Mr. Wallace Bishop, while keeping a look-out for probable damage by a grass fire on the land adjoining his seaside property at Short Street, Golden Beach, discovered lying near the dividing fence a small silk parachute to which was attached the remnants of a balloon and also a package containing a Radiosonde. On the package was printed: "This instrument was released from a Weather Station and carried aloft by means of a sounding balloon. While aloft this instrument transmitted radio signals which indicated temperature, humidity and pressure of the atmosphere through which it passed. When the balloon burst the instrument descended slowly by parachute. Series No. A.W.A. 31992. Size 8 x 10 x 4 1/2."

The cleanly appearance of the parachute and the package indicated that the discovery was made soon after its landing which, fortunately, saved it from probable destruction by fire.

In accordance with a request attached Mr. Bishop handed the package to the Postmaster at Caloundra for transmission to the despatching weather station.

FRIEND'S TRIBUTE—

LATE J. HAMILTON PARK

Being a life-long friend of the late J. Hamilton Park, whose death notice appeared in your

death notice appeared in your paper, I am sure many of your readers would like to know a little more of the life of the deceased. He was a product of those two fine schools, the old Normal and Brisbane Grammar. Leaving, he was articled to the late F. D. G. Stanley, the then leading architect in Brisbane, paying £100 premium and serving for three years without pay. He later joined his father, who was a leading city builder. After some years the land "bug" caught him and with his brother, Jim, now of Caloundra, was one of the pioneers of Dulong, five miles from Nambour. That property is still held by them. They decided to see South Africa. Father and J.H.P. started building and Jim became resident secretary of the Westminster Estate and private secretary to the Duke when he visited Africa. After four years overseas, the deceased returned to Dulong; his brother returned three years later. Both went to the West and started sheep and wool growing. Then they sold out after 28 years, retired and took up residence at Caloundra. At one time the deceased practised his profession at Thursday Island, Cairns and Townsville. At Caloundra he kept his pencil busy, and at 84 years of age designed and carried out many buildings at Moffat Beach, including six houses and the fine store there. He also drew plans and supervised the building of the North Coast life savers' home. Almost all his work was to a friend

all his work was to a friend from a friend and was a labour of love. Since the deceased lost his wife some 15 years ago, I think, he had been looked after wholly by his brother. They were life-long partners and real cobbers, who never lent, one to the other, but always gave—a truly wonderful pair. He was also a life governor of the N.C. life savers.