

# NEWCASTLE REPORT OF SAUCER

A 14-year-old Merewether amateur astronomer said last night that he had followed the path of a "flying saucer" for about six minutes through his telescope.

He is John Hayres, of Mitchell-street. Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, the boy's neighbours, also said they saw the object through the telescope. Another neighbour, Mrs. Knott, and a friend of hers, said they saw it without the telescope.

Hayres said he was showing the moon to Mr. Taylor's niece, Maureen Brown, 9, about 5.40 p.m., when she said: "Look at that bright star."

"I first thought it was the planet Jupiter, but I remembered it was not to rise for many hours," Hayres said.

"Then I could see it was far too bright for a planet, and was not travelling fast enough to be a meteor.

"It was the size of a star to the eye, and was some miles above the earth. It first appeared in the south, and after travelling through the sky, disappeared north-north-east. It had a dark centre.

"It was shining brilliantly. There was no haze. Flying on the east side of it were two objects which could best be described as fireballs. They were swinging ahead of it, then dropping back behind it, backwards and forwards, like the pendulums of a clock."

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