

VIRGINIANS TRACK FLYING SAUCER, SEE "MONSTER"

Seven persons in Flatwood (West Virginia, U.S.A.) say they saw a 10-foot blowing monster, with red face, bright green body, and protruding eyes, while investigating a report that a flying saucer had landed.

But police rejected the reports as hysteria. They said the so-called monster had grown from seven to 17 feet in 24 hours.

Mrs. Kathlyn May reported that she and six youths climbed a hill in an isolated area on Friday night, after her two small sons told her they had seen a bright object come down.

Gene Lemon, 17, was leading the group up the hill when he said he saw what appeared to be a pair of bright eyes in a tree.

When he shone his light on it, he said, he saw a 10ft. monster with a "blood-red face and a green body that seemed to glow."

Lemon screamed and fell over backwards.

Mrs. May said the monster, which appeared to be about four feet wide, started towards them, moving with a floating, bouncing motion.

"There was an overpowering, gaseous smell that burnt my nostrils and made me sick," Mrs. May said. "Several of the party passed out and vomited for several hours after returning to town."

Mrs. May and Lemon described the monster as having the shape of a man, with a blood red face, bright green body, and protruding eyes.

They said it had a black shield in the shape of an ace of spades behind it and wore what looked like a pleated metallic skirt.

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Mr. Lee Stewart, co-publisher of the "Braxton County Democrat," said he and several men, armed with shot-guns, returned with Lemon about 30 minutes after. A sickening odour was still present and there were slight heat waves in the air.

"These people were the most scared people I've ever seen," Mr. Stewart said. "People don't make up that kind of story that quickly."