

“Flying saucer” over Stowport

A Stowport mother and three young children were fascinated by a “flying saucer” which they kept under observation for about 10 minutes late yesterday afternoon. It came inland from Bass Strait, dived from a high altitude at great speed, and then drifted slowly westward along the coastal fringe of hills towards Burnie.

The woman, Mrs. J. B. G. Hulton, whose husband is Burnie manager for Trans-Australia Airlines, said her 13-year-old son Anthony excitedly called her outside about 5 p.m. With her two young daughters they watched a strange dark grey object, which approached from the northeast, dive from a high altitude at great speed.

“It was spinning slowly and when it reached an altitude of about 800 ft. opened out like a big parachute,” said Mrs. Hulton. “It was some distance away and seemed to float among the trees and drift westwards towards Round Hill. At times it was partly ob-

times it was partly obscured by hills, when it appeared like a half-moon."

While the object was still under observation Mrs. Hulton telephoned her husband and "The Advocate". It eventually resumed its top-like shape and disappeared.

Mrs. Hulton said that sight of the object, which was bigger than a DC3 aeroplane, left her with "quite a queer feeling". It was unlike any aeroplane she had seen.

[Two months ago, 11-

year-old John Howarth, of Sulphur Creek, was awakened just before dawn by a luminous object hovering outside his window. John watched it for a considerable time as it moved slowly to and fro in the dull, early morning sky, and noticed that it appeared to be spinning. It was the size of a large aeroplane.]