

## **"FLYING SAUCER" MAY HAVE PAID ROMA FLYING VISIT ON SATURDAY NIGHT**

**R**OMA may have been visited by a "Flying Saucer" before midnight on Saturday.

Several independent eye witnesses have reported a strange phenomena which passed over the town area at great speed about this time.

Mr. Ev. Wippell, of Morocco, well known district grazier, had a close-up view of the object from his town house in Hawthorne Street.

He said that he had just got out of his car at his front gate with his wife when he saw the object coming in a north-south line.

"It was a sort of pear-shaped object, a deep orange colour, clearly outlined, and about as big as a sedan car," he said.

Mr. Wippell said that the object was travelling at high speed and so low that it went out of sight behind his house, re-appeared the other side, and then disappeared behind other rooftops.

It made absolutely no sound at all, and was travelling in a perfectly flat line.

Mr. Wippell said that he had seen meteorites at close quarters, but this object was definitely not a meteorite.

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Surat with the Postmaster (Mr. G. Byland) when he saw what he thought at first was a plane heading in a south-westerly direction over Roma shortly before midnight.

There was absolutely no sound, and he then thought it looked like a very bright star. It was travelling in a flat line, and disappeared after a few seconds.

Roma electricians Lionel Brandt and Des Rooker saw the object from Muckadilla Creek, 40 miles out of Roma, while they were on a fishing party.

They agreed that it was just before midnight, was travelling in a flat line, and then disappeared when it climbed skyward.

Seventeen-year-old Helen Barker, of Conlan Street, was another to witness the phenomena.

Miss Barker said she saw a bright yellow object, appearing to be V-shaped, pass over the town about 11.45 p.m.

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