

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Orange-red discs have appeared over the Royal Canadian Air Force jet Base on North Bay not only once, but several times, and those who saw them say they behaved very much like controlled planes, but were not planes of any make known to us.

Out of such reports grew the flying saucer observatory at Shirley's Bay. The management of the station is under the Canadian saucer Project, called "Project Magnet" and was created first to investigate the possibilities of discs powered by magnetic propulsion. The little observatory is said to house a fortune in complex equipment which can detect gamma rays, radio sounds and gravity changes in the air.

Too there is an ionospheric reactor to determine the height, pattern and conduct of the ionized layer of gasses several hundred miles in the atmosphere. There are many complex instruments among the group which cannot be described in a brief space. But we are reliably informed by Peter Dempson of the Telegram staff "that all instruments are connected with a control panel filled with lights, dials and what not, which record the individual findings on paper."

Nobody stops at the 12-foot square station, as it is connected by an alarm bell system to a second station where a staff of experts are on duty day and night.

Relays carry the data recorded by the magnet station to the large unit, and officials are of the opinion that it would record any flying saucers 250-300 miles away.

Top Canadian Scientists think there may be some truth in all these reports of flying saucers. Anyway they refuse to ridicule saucer reports.

The Shirley's Bay observatory had its first major test last January when a ball of flame flashed across Ontario, Quebec, and New York in the early hours of the morning and brought frequent calls to police and radio stations for explanations.

The little observatory was able to report that it was a meteor and not a saucer. "If it had been a saucer," said the engineer in charge of the station, "it would have been registered as such on the delicate instruments."

This leaves no doubt whatever that the magnet building on Shirley's Bay is a flying saucer station only, and that Canada is on the hunt for saucers.

Whether flying saucers are fact or fiction they will continue to stir the imagination of mankind until it is proved conclusively that they do not exist. In the meantime Canada will be on the lookout for them through its Shirley's Bay observatory, so that if and when one is officially recorded and photographed, the peoples of the world will hear about it and will be as surprised as when Christopher Columbus unfolded the amazing story of a new world.

Proof of flying saucers would also pose another question: Where do they come from, where do they go? What kind of creatures ride them? Do they use liquor and tobacco and marry and get divorced as we do? Are they religious folk, and if so what is their particular form of worship?

On Newly Commissioned Ship



HMCS Miramichi, a coastal minesweeper, this week became part of the Royal Canadian Navy following her final acceptance trials and commissioning ceremony at the Saint John Drydock Company, Ltd. yards, Saint John, N.B. During the brief, impressive commissioning ceremony the ship was officially turned over to Captain (E) J. B. Caldwell, RCN, representing the Chief of Naval Staff who in turn handed it over to the commanding officer, Lieutenant Commander J. L. Panabaker, RCN, of Windsor, Ont. Above, at the conclusion of the ceremony during which acceptance papers were signed and the ship was blessed, Lieutenant Commander Panabaker (left) is piped aboard his ship. Left to right are Lieutenant Commander Panabaker, Sub-Lieutenant Thomas Arkell, RCN, of Montreal, Officer-of-the-Gangway; Petty Officer Daniel A. Sheriff, Hamilton, Ont., the ship's cox'n; Leading Seaman Thomas Smith, St. John's, Nfld., and Able Seaman Leon E. Buell, Murray River, P. E. I.—(National Defence Photo).

Lorne Valley

Miss Muriel Myers was a visitor to the City on July 29.

Mrs. Munro MacGrath, Miss Joan MacGrath and Master John MacGrath visited Souris on July 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy MacLeod, Charlottetown, motored to Lorne Valley on July 31 to spend the week-end with Mrs. MacLeod's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Nicholson.

Miss Aletha MacLeod left by plane on August 2 on return to Hamilton, Ont., after spending a pleasant visit with her mother, Mrs. Christina MacLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Cobb, Millburn, were visitors to Lorne Valley on August 1. While here they attended church service and visited relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crane and son Lea, Bangor, were visitors to Lorne Valley on July 30. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. MacGrath.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacLeod and family, Central Valley, motored to Lorne Valley on August 1. While here they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacLeod.

Mr. Gordon MacLeod, B.Sc., recently left by plane on return to Montreal, Que., after spending an enjoyable vacation with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCannell and daughter Lynn, Charlottetown, motored to Lorne Valley on Sunday. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McCannell.

Mr. Gus Callaghan, Dromore, was a recent visitor to Lorne Valley, the guest of his brother and

Bristol

"Mr. and Mrs. Dan Montgomery, Boston, Mass., are spending some time here visiting Mr. Montgomery's sister, Mrs. Margaret Villard and family. They will also spend some time around the old home at Bear River where Dan spent his happy boyhood days.

Doctor J. C. Sinnott, is among the graduates attending the centennial celebrations at S. D. U.

Mrs. Walter A. O'Brien and son, Gerard, were visitors to the city on Tuesday and Wednesday, guests of Mrs. O'Brien's mother, Mrs. Wm. MacDonald.

An old spinning wheel on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Sinnott, here is attracting considerable attention at present because the old wheel is one of the few old timers with the monster wheel that was hand driven in the long ago, most of us here never even seen such a spinning wheel before and we doubt if anyone could be found today who could spin on the old wheel used a century ago and still in perfect condition.

Mrs. Matilda Eldershaw has moved to Halifax to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Eldershaw has not enjoyed good health for quite some time.

Mr. Walter Connolly, Somerville, Mass., who was here on vacation, left this week for his home in the U. S. A.

Miss Agatha MacDonald left this week for Saint John, N. B., to spend a week with her young friends in that city.

Mr. George Barry, a member of the car ferry crew, spent a few days here with his wife and family this week.

Souris Swimming, Water Safety Tests

"The first series of swimming and water safety lessons in Souris was concluded on Friday, July 30th.

Miss Frances MacCormack, who qualified recently as a Red Cross swimming and water safety instructor, has carried on instruction at the Souris beach each day for the past three weeks. Mr. Kent Ellis, Red Cross Supervisor tested the swimmers and presented awards to those who completed the requirements satisfactorily.

This aquatic program is sponsored by the Souris swimming and water safety committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Willie MacKenzie. The men of this committee are enthusiastic about the swimming and water safety program. They believe that every young person in Souris should have an opportunity to develop good watermanship. They substantiate this view by providing a second course

"Temple" Mr. Martin "Buddy" Myers and Mr. Stanley "Sonny" Webster conducted the devotional period. Miss Helen Myers and Miss Eleanor Ployer will lead the next meeting when the roll call will be answered with a verse of Scripture containing "multitude." The meeting closed with a hearty hymn-sing.

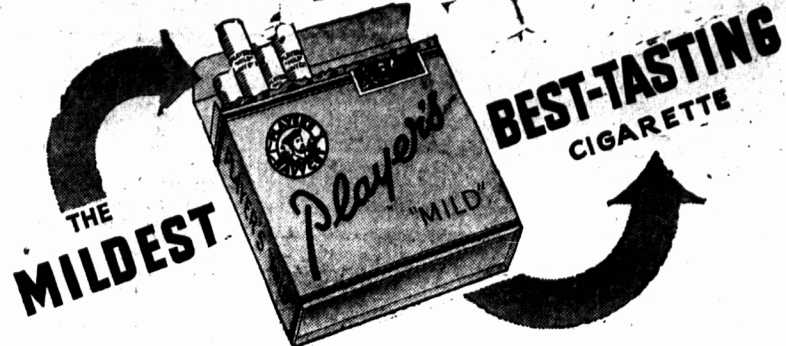
Miss Joan MacGrath spent a few days in Bangor during the week. She was the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crane.

of instruction. Miss MacCormack is qualified to teach life saving methods as well as swimming skills and it is hoped that a great many young people and adults too will enroll in this second course. All swimming and water safety instruction is free of charge. It is financed by the local committees and the Canadian Red Cross.

Juniors: Pat MacDonald, Carole Ellis, Lois Smith. Intermediates: Ann Smith, Nicola Peters, Leo Paquet. Seniors: Bert Paquet.

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