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**FLYING SAUCER"
REPORT**

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From Our Own Correspondent
PRESTON, Monday.

An object which they thought might have been a "flying saucer" was seen by three girls who were walking along the Preston-Lancaster main road near Preston yesterday afternoon. "It looked like a very bright star in the east, but was brighter than any star," they said.

One of the girls, Miss Lilian Spencer, of Pole-street, Preston, said: "It was oval-shaped and resembled the wing of a silver plane caught in the sunlight. There was no sound of an engine and it had a peculiar swinging movement." It was going against the wind.

An Air Ministry meteorological official pointed out that it was a common error for people to speak of something travelling in a certain direction when they really meant that it was coming from that direction. If that was the case here it was possible that the object could have been a meteorological balloon blown over from Northern Ireland.

Many Londoners reported on April that they had seen a "flying saucer." The Air Ministry explained that it was a balloon used for parachute jumping which had broken from its mooring at an R.A.F. station in Oxfordshire.

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