

A citizen of Fairfield Highlands said the flying discs came over his residence at a speed of about 1,500 miles an hour. "They would go in opposite directions, stop, and bump into each other," he reported.

Gene Plumstead, program manager of WSGN, reported the flying discs over Edgewood Lake.

J. A. Hahner, 3301 Avenue I, Ensey, said the lights appeared like a spot thrown by a huge searchlight. He said, however, he could see no beam such as would come from a searchlight.

A number of "white round things" were seen in the skies over West End by Mrs. Alfred Hackbarth, 1790 McMillan Avenue.

L. M. Cadenhead, 2000 48th Street, Central Park, saw the lights over Powderly.

"They looked like saucers," said

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnold, 732 47th Way, South. "Some of them went as fast as bullets, while others floated around. They were the size of an automobile tire."

Mr. and Mrs. William Howell, 1004 East Court, South, reported seeing 11 discs about 8:30 a.m.

"About 15 of them passed over our house shortly before 8," said Mrs. Helen Mallory, 1404 North 12th Court. Mrs. Mallory said the objects were first sighted by her son, Milo, who called the rest of the family. "They looked like a flash of light that went by in such a hurry you couldn't describe it," she said.

Frank S. Lovelace, policeman for the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, reported seeing eight or 10 of the objects. "They looked about the size of a dishpan," he said. "They came out of the southeast and whirled around several minutes."

S-Sgt. I. L. Livingston, of the Birmingham Army Airfield, observed the discs from his Green Acres residence. "They were going zig-zag from East to West," he said.

R. H. VAUGHN, III, who served as an anti-aircraft gunner in Europe, saw the "flying saucers" display with his father from their home in Ensey Highlands. "I never shot at anything moving as rapidly as they were," he said. Vaughn believes the "discs" are some sort of natural phenomena, like the Aurora Borealis.

Jimmy Dewberry, II, of 1030 16th Avenue, South, said he saw a "flying saucer" while visiting at his grandmother's on 14th Avenue, South. "It looked like a shooting star," Jimmy said, "but it was too low for that. It had a long red tail."

### Searchlight Reflection

#### Theory Is Advanced

The mysterious "flying discs" observed in Birmingham last night may be a carnival beacon light at Siluria, about 20 miles south of Birmingham.

That was a solution offered this morning by William B. Hayes, of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the Comer Building here.

Mr. Hayes, who served in the Army in the Pacific, said he and others there had seen similar sights throughout the South Pacific Islands caused by searchlights.

He based his theory on high overcast skies last night and said the beacon at the Siluria carnival probably struck the high clouds and gave the indication of being "flying saucers."

Mr. Hayes is a pilot.