# Various Stories Of Flying Saucers Date Back More Than 100 Years

By RELMAN MORIN

NEW YORK (AP) — The flying saucer story, you know, is by no means a new one.

About 30 years ago, a man named Charles Fort rounded up and published a whole series of reports about mysterious objects in the sky.

He said his sources, mainly, were newspapers, and he cited the names and dates of the papers, in case his readers were interested in checking the references.

Some accounts were well over 100 years ago, before the age of airplanes and before very much was known about balloons.

The reports of sightings, according to Fort, came from many different parts of the world — from North Carolina, from a ship en route to Bermuda, and a whole spate from the north coast of England.

In fact, that section of the British Isles was, in its day, the flying saucer center, just as the southwestern part of the United States seems to be today.

Some of the descriptions quoted by Fort are almost identical with the ones we read today ... "an object of great luminosity, moving at high speed" ... "it moved backward and forward across the sky, apparently without turning" ... "an object hovered, motionless in the air, above a house.".

I should think this would be very reassuring to the Air Force officers in Washington who are collecting data on the saucers and trying to explain them. (Maj.-Gen. Roger M. Ramey said the other day about one-fifth of all the reported sightings "remain to be explained.")

**Pertinent Questions Arise**

If people saw, or thought they saw, objects in the sky a century or more ago, these questions immediately arise:

Were observers subject then, as now, to the same hallucinations?

Why didn't the saucers' crews ever land? Surely, the world must have been a happier place in the 19th century than it is now.

Where have the saucers been during the intervening time? Did we somehow get mislaid on their inter-stellar charts?

All of this seems not to have impressed Charles Fort very much, one way or another, while he was writing about it. His own theories were such that he could take, in stride, the possibility of visitations to the earth by creatures from another planet.

Fort was a rebel and a heretic who set himself against most of the accepted beliefs of science.

Some of his ideas sound the least bit bizarre, even in this electronic age.

**Immigrants From Planets?**

His theory of "teleportation," as I dimly got it, permitted material objects—including plants and animals—to be de-materialized and then transported through space.

Fertile and living things may have been brought to this earth from other worlds in that way, he said.

And he speculated about the possibility that residents from other planets may be here now, living in disguise, and sending back regular reports of life on earth to the home headquarters.

Fort said there might be some of these creatures right here in New York, on Fifth Avenue.

And if you ever have stood on Fifth Avenue, watching the passing parade, you will find this not difficult to believe.

Their reports must make interesting reading. Probably they say ".... and these earth-people are still so savage that the males wear neckties in the heat of the summer ...."

Well, personally, I hope one of the saucers makes a landing one of these days, and we get a press conference with the crew captain.

Being so many million years older than we, they ought to have the answers to most of the problems besetting us. For example:

"Captain, how did you folks out there on Ursa Major handle a national political convention so that there were fewer and better speeches?"

Most likely, he will shake his head, sadly, and reply:

"We haven't got that licked yet."

## Lloyd Chambers Estate Inventory Completed

The estate of the late Lloyd Reed Chambers is valued at $154,505.82, an inventory disclosed Wednesday.

The probated will leaves the estate in trust for his widow and daughter.

The bulk of the estate is real property, consisting of a theater, restaurant and an apartment at 302-318 N. Jackson St., Roseburg.

The estate was appraised by Glen V. Wimberly, H. O. Pargeter and Earl Wiley. Mrs. Chambers and the U. S. National Bank of Portland are co-executors.

Chambers died at Portland last May 14.

# LOCAL NEWS

**Picnic Friday** — The Riversdale Home Economics Club members will entertain their husbands at a 6:30 p.m. picnic Friday, Aug. 8, at the C. M. Stark home.

**DEPUTY TRANSFERRED**

A sheriff's deputy was transferred today to Diamond Lake resort, Sheriff O. T. Carter reports.

He is Charles Smith, transferred from Reedsport.

**TIMBER DAYS, 1951,** is depicted in this series of pictures of the annual event, scheduled this year for the coming weekend, Aug. 9 and 10, in Sutherlin. Events shown—parade, queen's court, and the various woodsman skill contests—are all on the program for this year's celebration. The log truck rodeo and horse racing come on Friday, Aug. 9. The loggers' contests are scheduled for Aug. 10. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

## Sutherlin All Ready For Timber Days Fete

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Hall. Both will be held simultaneously.

Logging contests are scheduled for 1:10 p.m. Sunday, following a 1 p.m. drawing on Queen's tickets.

**Queen's Back Friday Night**

Contests, in order, include hand bucking; power saw bucking, 3½ to 5 hp.; chopping; power saw bucking, 5 to 9 hp.; wire rope splicing and speed climbing. Prizes from $45 to $260 will be awarded winners in these events.

The celebration officially ends with the 4 p.m. Evergreen baseball game between the Sutherlin Chevrolets and the Oakland town team at the High School grounds.

Reigning over all the events will be the Timber Days queen. She'll be picked from among seven young princesses and announced at the Queen's Ball Friday night in the Veterans' Memorial Building. Coronation will be at 10:30 p.m. The dance starts at 9.

Preceding the dance will be a Queen's dinner, at 7 p.m. in the Veterans Building.

Cost for Timber Days spectators will be 50 cents. This buys a Booster Button, which entitles the wearer to any outdoor celebration activity.

General chairman for the weekend events is Harry Garber.

All events are scheduled on standard time.

**WOMAN DENIES ASSAULT**

Pauline D. Mayfield, 35, Tiller, posted $100 bail Wednesday after pleading innocent in district court to an assault and battery charge.

She was arrested by a deputy sheriff on a complaint signed by Alivina Moilanan.

Although kangaroos have four teats, it is unusual for them to have more than one birth at a time.

# Twelve Get Top 4-H Awards In Drain Exhibit

Twelve blue ribbon awards were won by 4-H Club members from North Douglas County at the Drain 4-H "Achievement Day" Monday and Tuesday.

Blue ribbon winners were Albert A. Leslie and Nina Wilkes, Drain, for their camp cookery skill; Ralphina Ray and Janice Jacob, Curtin, and Gayle Croshong, Oakland, knitting; Joan Price, Elkton, arts and crafts; and Albert Tatro, Yoncalla, woodworking; and Sally Baxter, Victoria Leturno, Virginia Langdon and Juanita Johnston, all of Yoncalla, health posters.

Three demonstrations were also given at the event. Danny Langton and Ken Bowman, Scotts Valley, showed the correct way to square a board. Janice Jacob and Ruth Rice, Curtin, demonstrated various knitting stitches. How to stuff a toy was shown by Gail Brines, Scotts Valley.

Red awards were won by 17 young exhibitors. They are Linda Snider and Linda Hopkins, Drain, camp cookery; Miriam Jacob and Ruth Rice, Curtin, knitting; Rodney Thompson and Kenneth Bowman, Yoncalla, woodworking; Leota Arzie, Kathryn Howard, Gail Briner, Darrell South, Jeannette Cox, John Tatro, Joan Martin, Wanda Opheim, Donald Gass, Danny Langdon and Rodney Thompson, all of Yoncalla, health posters.

Sixteen 4-H clubbers won white awards. They are Stanley and Leslie Jay, Jeannette Clark, Edward Morrison and Dorothy Morrison, Drain, camp cookery; James Brock and Danny Langdon, Yoncalla, woodworking; James Brock, Anita Fullbright, Deloris Leturno, Sylvia Mundt, Karen Patrick, Mickey Heston, Kenneth Bowman, Edna Anderson and Fay Mundt, Yoncalla, health posters.

"Achievement Days" are held in preparation for the Douglas County Fair. Exhibitors get advice on how to improve their exhibits for the county-wide display.

## Myrtle Creek Picnic Set Sunday, Aug. 17

The annual Myrtle Creek reunion will be held at Benton-Lane Park, four miles north of Junction City on Highway 99 W, Sunday, Aug. 17.

A prize will be given to the oldest and youngest persons attending, the largest family present and the person or family coming the longest distance.

There'll be a picnic dinner at noon. Allie Briddell and Doris Buckridge will be in charge of recreation.

All past and present Myrtle Creek residents may attend.

All groups of human beings have and use some kind of language.

## Vital Statistics

**Marriage License**

MULLIN-KEITH—Richard Raymond Mullin and Lois Ann Keith, both of Roseburg.

**Divorce Suits Filed**

TOTTEN — Paul vs. Bessie Totten. Cruelty charged. Plaintiff asks that custody of three minor children be awarded to defendant.

HIGH — Nellie vs. Elmer High. Cruelty charged.

OSBORN — Alphabel vs. Dean A. Osborn. Cruelty charged. Plaintiff asks restoration of former name, Grubbe.

SWEARINGEN — Floyd vs. Francis Swearingen. Cruelty charged. Plaintiff asks custody of one minor child.

## Boy Seriously Injured When Log Rolls On Him

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — Dr. Francis D. Wilder, Klamath Indian Reservation physician, was called from a vacation here Wednesday by the injury of his 6-year-old son, Eon.

The boy suffered back, plevis and leg fractures when a log rolled on him. His condition was serious. He was to be taken to the Indian hospital at Tacoma if his condition permitted.

**FINED $50 FOR SPREE**

Claude Harvey Bowman, 56, Sacramento, who suffered minor injuries in an automobile accident in which his wife was seriously injured Tuesday, paid a $50 fine Wednesday in district court after pleading guilty to a drunk charge.

## Wikoff Services Will Be Held In California

The body of Aurabelle Wilkinson Wikoff, 28, who died of injuries suffered in an automobile accident Aug. 4, will be shipped by the Roseburg Funeral Home to Bakersfield, Calif., for funeral services. Interment will be in the Green Lawn Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 23, 1923 in College Place, Wash., and was a resident of Shafter, Calif., at the time of her death. She was a registered nurse and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Surviving are the widower, Charles W., who is still confined in the Douglas Community Hospital; her daughter, Cathaleen Denice, who also was seriously injured in the accident and is in Doernbecher Hospital in Portland; one sister, Mrs. Donald Anderson, Ukiah, Calif.; two brothers, Dr. Stanley Wilkinson, Wyoming, and Thomas Wilkinson, U. S. Army in Japan.

## 8-Month-Old Daughter Of Beamers Dies Wed.

Cheryl Lynn Beamer, eight-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamer, of Umpqua Park, died Wednesday, Aug. 6. She was born Nov. 16, 1951, at Roseburg.

Surviving, besides her parents, are her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamer of Roseburg; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Marcy of Springfield, Ore.; great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burr, Brockway and Mr. and Mrs. William Beamer, Elkton, Md.

Graveside funeral services will be held at the Tenmile Cemetery at 10 a.m. PDT, Friday, Aug. 8 with the Rev. R. V. Kleinfeldt officiating. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Long & Orr Mortuary.

**NAMED TO LIONS POST**

Dr. Bruce Hetrick, local dentist, has been appointed deputy governor for District 36-E of the Lions organization. The appointment was announced by District Governor Gunnar Wohlen, Rogue River. Dr. Hetrick is a past president of the Roseburg Lions Club.

Ed. Oaks, Canyonville, has been appointed zone chairman for the central part of Douglas County.

# Glendale Mayor Resigns, New One Appointed

The Glendale City Council met Monday evening, August 4, to appoint a new mayor. With the office of mayor made vacant by the resignation of Everett Skillings, who has moved to Grants Pass, the councilmen selected Ed Carroway, co-proprietor of the E & V Clothing Store, to fill out the remainder of his term.

Other items of business included discussion of the proposed widening of Miller, Woodley and Decker Avenues. The matter was tabled pending some agreement as to value of the land, which would have to be condemned in order to proceed with the improvement. It was felt by the council that while land owners on the streets involved had petitioned to have the streets widened, they were asking a higher price for the ground than the city was prepared to pay.

The council heard a formal application from Mrs. Julia Gilland, resident, to be allowed to open a liquor store in Glendale. The application was to be acted upon at a future date.

Water meters were discussed, and it was decided that rates for water payment would be set up at the Council meeting to be held Aug. 11. There will be no meters installed for business houses. The city is bearing the expense of purchase and installation of the meters, and no extra charge will be levied against residents for that purpose.

Expansion of the Glendale jail facilities was discussed. Bids were received, but no action was taken. The jail is used by the State Police as well as by the local marshal and is often considered inadequate.

## Coos Bay Dial Telephone Job To Cost $750,000

COOS BAY (AP) — Dial telephones will be installed here by June of next year, the West Coast Telephone Company said Wednesday. Manager George McBride said the conversion, already completed in surrounding towns, would cost $730,000.

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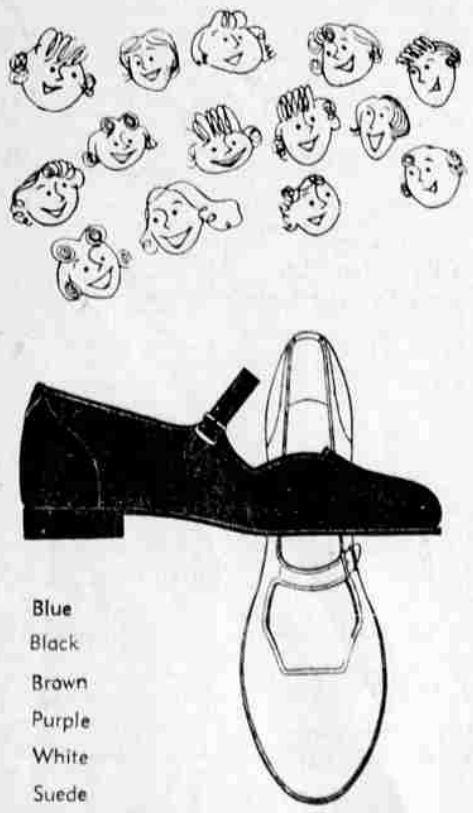

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