

### Frankly Speaking

By Frank Roberts

First of all, congratulations to Art Linkletter on his "People Are Funny" program presentation of two weeks ago, featuring an intelligent and informed discussion on the subject of unidentified flying objects. Incidentally, in Edenton many people have seen the phenomenon known as angel's hair. On several occasions it's fallen from the sky and has been seen in town. It's a soft, silk-like substance which just about disintegrates on touch. Here's something that, perhaps, you didn't know about. If you feel inclined to check the first part of this, you can do so by writing to United Press International, Washington, D. C. The story was datelined Cherry Point, N. C., and published in many papers throughout the country. Date of publication: February 12, 1953. On that date, the Marine Corps Air Station had been alerted for flying saucers. On that date, a Marine jet pilot chased the mysterious, glowing object through the skies at more than 500 miles per hour. On that same date, the Norfolk Naval Air Station tower alerted Marine Lt. Ed Balocco to watch for a silvery object sighted from the ground. When Lt. Balocco was alerted, he was flying at 20,000 feet over Edenton. Here is Lt. Balocco's actual report: "It appeared to be below me. What caused me to look back at the light was the fact that it moved from below me 10,000 feet vertically in a matter of seconds." Lt. Balocco estimated that the object was about 10 miles from him. That's the end of the official report. The object itself was sighted by several Edentonians. One very well known citizen in town told later (and this was verified by witnesses) that as he watched the object, he thought to himself: "I wish the darned thing was closer, so I could get a really good look at it." At the precise moment, the object hurtled closer. Our friend (I'll call him Joe) thought it was mere coincidence, but decided to find out for sure. He directed this thought to the mysterious object: hover to the left, to the right and back to the left. The object obeyed his command. Once more, Joe thought: "are you reading my mind?" A split second later,

Joe received a mental answer. "Yes, we can understand you." Joe's next question was obvious. "Who are you, where are you from?" The answer, again in his mind, was that the object, and people or things therein, were from a quite distant star. One we knew nothing about. Joe asked, again mentally, if they had landed on earth and the answer was that a few other of the objects had, but they had not. However, they were able to read people's minds, the explanation continued mentally, and if conditions permitted, were allowed to land briefly. "Would you do so here in Edenton, if I told you of open land?" Again, the answer came back mentally. They knew the terrain and would land briefly provided they were permitted. That last thought was never quite clear, but nothing more was said. Joe was told where the object would land. It would land in just a matter of minutes, but in less time than it takes to tell, Joe was on the phone, calling a friend of his, another well known Edentonian, to join him immediately. Together, the two of them met the object, which had already landed, not too far from Joe's home. As it was reported, the occupants of the flying object met Joe and his friend and spoke briefly just a matter of minutes. Joe cannot divulge, thus we cannot tell, anything concerning the conversations. All he could say was that the occupants of the object looked like any human being, although slightly taller. Their clothes were far different from anything known on earth and looked to be a one-piece outfit. Incidentally, it was further reported, that these people had no difficulty with the atmosphere. It is supposed that this is a result of pre-conditioning. As I mentioned, the topic of conversations has to remain hush-hush, and neither I, nor anyone else could pry a thing out of Joe or his friend. One more thing. Lest anyone doubt the veracity of this affair, remember the actual reported sighting by people at Cherry Point and at the Norfolk Naval Air Station. Keep in mind, that on that night (it was a Monday) a preponderance of angel's hair floated down (many citizens will verify that). Keep in mind, too, that as proof of a strange object landing in our town, some military men and, I believe, the local police, were called to that spot by Joe's friend. They were amazed to

see the spot where the object was, completely burned out. Finally, as a souvenir, the "visitors" gave Joe and his friend a piece of metal, which after exhaustive tests in the best known laboratories of the land, was proven to be, as one laboratory labeled it: "definitely not of this earth." Our sincere thanks to the gentleman we're referring to as "Joe," for telling us what he could of this story, the first time he's talked about it, since February of 1953, the time of the sighting. Portions of the preceding are true! The entire story is based on actual reports in various parts of the country. Closing thought: The person who thinks there can be any real conflict between science and religion must be either very young in science or very ignorant in religion.

### Short Course On Cotton August 2nd

Cotton quality and mechanical harvesting will share the spotlight at a day-long short course for farmers, gin operators and picker operators on August 2, at 8:30 A. M., at the Firemen's Recreation Center, Scotland Neck, N. C., according to C. W. Overman, Chowan County Agricultural Agent.

A number of persons from Chowan County plan to attend the course, designed to help boost net income from cotton in the county.

The morning program, from 8:30 to noon, will be devoted to talks and a film on quality cotton. Speakers will be experts from N. C. State College, N. C. Department of Agriculture and USDA.

In the afternoon, gin operators will get "on-the-spot" explanations from ginning specialists on quality ginning. Picker operators will see the latest types of cotton harvesters and hear their operation explained by representatives from the manufacturing firms. Machines will be furnished by local implement dealers.

"These short courses are aimed to help preserve and improve the quality of North Carolina cotton lint and seed in the machining phases of preparation for market," says F. H. "Fritz" Heidelberg, executive vice president of the N. C. Cotton Promotion Association. The association is the coordinating agency and clearing house for basic arrangements on the course.

### ASC Office Manager Emphasizes Storage

"Experience has shown farmers that price support programs are offered primarily on the availability of storage," says H. O. West, local ASC office manager. "In order to get a price support loan of any kind adequate storage must be provided. The Department, through ASC, has offered loans to assist in the construction of adequate on-the-farm storage. These loans pay up to 80 per cent of the unrecouped cost, provided the type of construction is approved by the county ASC Committee. Loans of this type average about 30 cents per bushel of storage capacity of the facility."

"A producer files a request for a facility storage loan at the county ASC office and if approved, he constructs the storage facility to meet specified construction, pays off the vendor with his loan and uses the facility to store own grain. He may store either with or without a commodity loan. For this service he pays a small service fee of 1 percent of the amount of loan and repays his loan in four annual installments at 4% interest. His first installment comes due on the anniversary date of the loan or 12 months after disbursement. Under a loan of this kind, he may also include any attachments necessary for operation of the facility. "Since harvesting time is drawing near there is not much time left. Why not be ready for harvest this year with plenty of storage. Contact your ASC office for further details."

### Buggs Island Lake Regatta August 14

The Seventh Annual Buggs Island Lake Regatta will be held on Sunday, August 14, 1960, at Occoneechee Park at Clarksville, Virginia, on Buggs Island Lake. It will feature a boat race with all the big, powerful inboard boats trying for top points and trophies. Top racing drivers throughout the country will compete for trophies in the regatta sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8163. Al Bauer, nationally known referee for top boat races in the United States will be on hand to referee this event and to see that all participants give their top performance.

### Kadesh Homecoming Scheduled For Aug. 7

Homecoming will be observed at Kadesh A. M. E. Zion Church Sunday, August 7, with Dr. F. C. Cooke of Elizabeth City delivering the morning message. Dr. Cooke has won, through his labor and winning personality, many friends throughout the eastern part of the United States. L. Joseph Overton of New York City will give the homecoming address at 3 P. M. Dinner will be served at the church and all members, former members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

### Sept. 30 Deadline For Gas Tax Refund

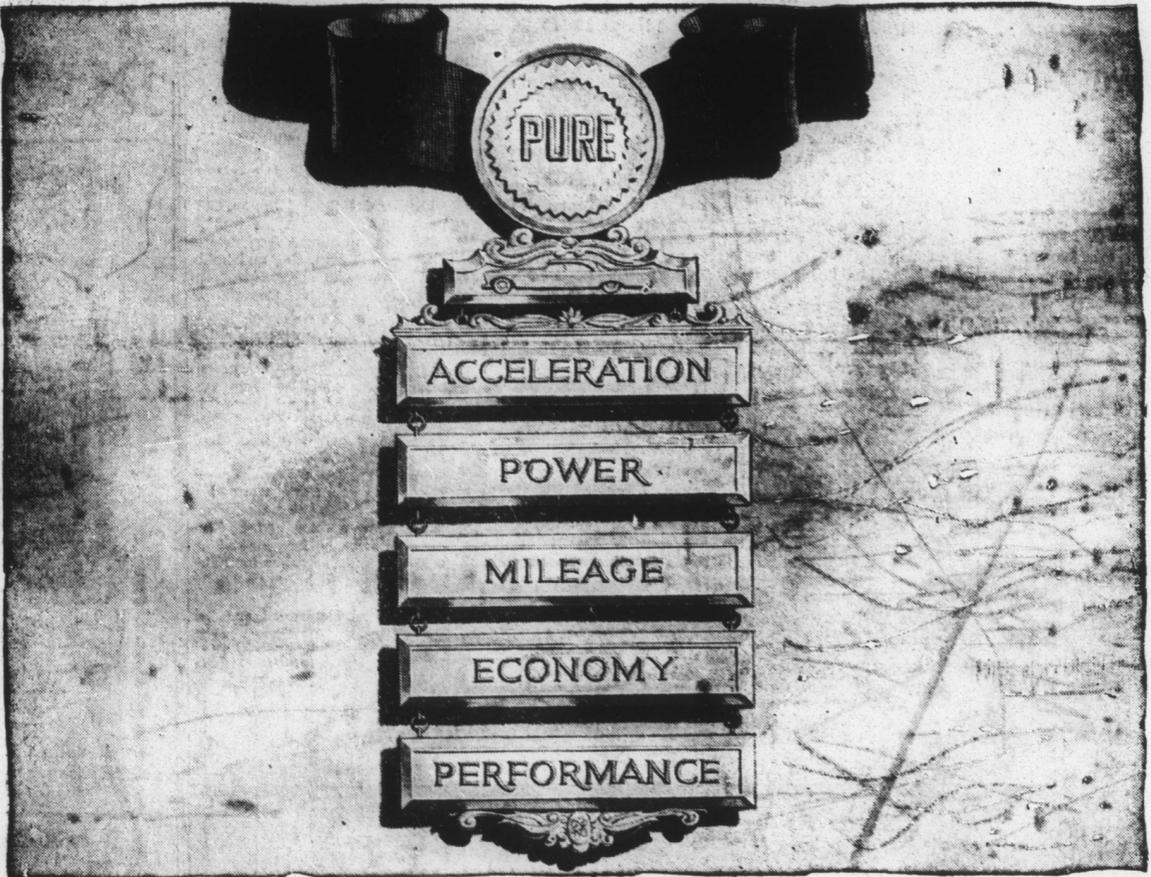
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Form 2240 is to be used in claiming the refund. Farmers who filed last year will receive forms automatically. Other farmers may obtain forms with additional information from the county agricultural agent or by writing the District Director of Internal Revenue.

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## DOG AND BICYCLE LICENSES ARE NOW ON SALE!

Dog Licenses Are on Sale at the Town Office and Bicycle Licenses Are on Sale at the Police Station. The Fee for Each Male Dog is \$1.00 and \$2.00 for Each Female. The Fee for Each Bicycle is 25 Cents.

The Code of Ordinances Requires the Arrest of Any Dog Owner Who Fails to Purchase Licenses for His Dogs by August 15th.

**TOWN OF EDENTON**  
 ERNEST J. WARD, JR., Clerk