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SOMETHING IN THE SKY

common type of star," he explains, " and there are many others like it in the Universe. It seems most likely that these stars will also have planets. UFOs could come from these planets."

Gravity still remains Dr. Thornton's main interest and he continues his researches. He has told me that it should soon be possible to build a device which would enable man to overcome gravity without recourse to wings or jet lift. If he has any success with this, then Dr. Thornton may be well on the way to building a Flying Saucer of his own!

S there no official inquiry into the Flying Saucer mystery?

Two years ago the Air Ministry pronounced:

"About ninety per cent of the reports (of Flying Saucers) have been found to relate to meteors, balloons, flares and many other objects. The fact that the other ten per cent remain unexplained may be attributed to nothing more sinister than lack of data." And it has said very little else until May of this year. Then, Mr. George Ward, Secretary of State for Air, said, in answer to a question in the House, that there had been so far this year five objects sighted which could not be explained. This compared, he went on, with six in 1956, none in 1955 and six in 1954.

The Air Ministry will not elaborate on this statement. We are left to presume that the unidentifieds this year include the Wardle mystery and the radar sighting from West Freugh.

But there are many people, other than the ardent saucer fans, who would like to know the answer. People like ex-Squadron Leader Ernest Booker of Lower Hillmorton Road, Rugby, Just after 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, last year, Mr.

Booker, now a schoolmaster, saw a strange sight in the night sky.

"There were two lights," he said, "about twice the size of aircraft navigation lights seen from 1,500 feet and a light amber in colour. They were different from anything else I have ever colour. They were different from anything else I have ever seen." During the war Mr. Booker was a pilot—an instructor at the Central Flying School.
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"The most mysterious thing about these lights was that they made no noise whatsoever," he continued. "They were moving fairly slowly against a light breeze from east to west, quite low, about 1,500 feet up. As they moved the lights seemed to oscillate a little, both lights moving together as if they were at front and rear of some object which I couldn't see in the larkness." darkness.

Many other people in the Rugby district saw them. The ex-Squadron Leader was quite sure that they were neither balloons nor gliders; neither an aircraft nor a searchlight reflecting on a cloud. What they were he does not know, but he would very much like to know.

And so the saucer mystery moves on. Perhaps by August, 1959, when according to Dr. Thornton's theory, another peak period of sightings is due, we may know something more about these things. Perhaps some major discovery may have been made. And then UFOs might break into the biggest sensation

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