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A few months ago, Mayor Robert McGuire didn't believe in Unidentified Flying Objects. It was all a "lot of nonsense," he said, when reports of UFO sightings in and around his town began to crop up.

But that's all changed now.

The Lexington, Ala., mayor has seen UFOs four times during the last three months — and he was followed by one while in his car in early March.

McGuire is only one of hundreds of residents in the Lexington area, including the chief of police, the town magistrate, the Civil Defense chief, and a minister, who have reported repeated sightings of UFOs since the first of the year.

The UFOs are so common in the area, in fact, that many townspeople gather at night in expectation of seeing one or more of the fiery balls of light. The townspeople are joined by the curious from other parts of Alabama and neighboring Tennessee, according to Civil Defense Chief Wilsey Mashburn.

"I'm really amazed," Mayor McGuire told The ENQUIRER. "It seems to be some sort of spaceship and has caused a great deal of controversy.

"The best sighting I had was on March 3, when I was in the car with my wife, Jo, and my daughter, Susan, coming home from a cookout.

"It looked like a large ball of white light — different from the first time I saw it when it showed red, blue and green flashing lights," he said.

"It was following us, making no

## Hundreds See UFOs in Alabama

... Including Mayor, Magistrate, noise and leaving no trail. I estimated its speed to be 60 miles per hour and it was about 3 miles away from the road. We must have watched it for five minutes as we drove along before it suddenly vanished, as if a light had been switched off."

Magistrate Don White saw it in the company of 15 other people at a barbecue about 4 miles from Lexington the night the UFO followed McGuire.

"We were all talking and joking about the UFO sightings we'd heard about recently when suddenly this object rose up on the horizon in the west. At first it appeared a whitish-yellow, but changed to dark red as it



**CHECKING:** Stanley L. Ingram, newspaperman from nearby Pulaski, Tenn., examines reported UFO landing site close to Lexington, Ala., where he saw five lights in the sky. Ingram says, "I am convinced the area is being observed, or spied on, by UFOs."

## Civil Defense Chief and Police Chief of One Town

moved. It looked to be about a half mile away, traveling at a slow speed and making no noise. We all watched it for four or five minutes before it disappeared."

At the nearest Air Force base, in Huntsville, Ala., a spokesman said they had heard of the Lexington sightings but had not investigated. "Air Force planes were not involved," he said.

Lexington Police Chief Larry Hardman said his office has been swamped with reports of UFO sightings. "I've



**ROBERT MCGUIRE**

... Mayor now a believer in UFOs.

seen the object three times myself while on patrol. The last time was on March 12 when it was no more than 400 yards from me. It was a large glowing, oblong-shaped thing. There was no sound and it didn't move very fast," said the chief. "And each time I saw it, the shortwave radio in my car cut out."

The Rev. Gordon Ware and his wife, Beverly, tried to chase the UFO in their car in mid-March, but it disappeared.

Civil Defense Chief Mashburn said he's seen it eight or 10 times. "My feeling is that it's from another planet."

— WILLIAM DICK