

“ Flying Saucer ” A Blimp

Cobar police were inundated with reports during the week-end of a “flying saucer” floating about 700 feet above the ground, 42 miles out on the Wilcannia Road.

News of the “sighting” quickly spread through Cobar and district and after much speculation, Police Constable M. Baldwin, accompanied by about a dozen sightseers, travelled to the spot.

They discovered that the “saucer” was a 24 feet by 14 feet cigar-shaped blimp with three fins on the tail, with approximately 1,000 feet of quarter-inch steel cable which was snared to a tree.

Hanging about 80 feet below the blimp was a vertical gas meter.

The blimp was a silvery object made of a rubber substance and it had the word “England” written on it together with several serial numbers.

The crowd helped to haul it to the ground, where Const. Baldwin deflated it and took

it to Cobar Police Station, where he is holding it until it is claimed.

A later message states that the balloon broke away from its mooring at a Commonwealth Weather Observation site in Central South Australia.