

# Ike Approves Project Earth Satellite Planned



IT'S THE STRANGEST little corn field we ever saw. It consists of one stalk of corn, and it's growing on top of those islands in the middle of Independence Blvd., next to Memorial Stadium. Thriving, too, except that it could stand a little de-weeding. For more rural farm news, see the story below.

## Dulles Against Atlantic Union Convention Call

Secretary Of State Opposes Proposal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles today came out in opposition to a proposal in Congress that President Eisenhower call a convention to consider establishing an Atlantic Union.

Dulles gave his views in a letter sent to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is holding hearings on a resolution sponsored by Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) and others.

The resolution would ask the President to invite the countries which sponsored the North Atlantic Treaty to name delegates to a meeting to explore the formation of "a defense economic and political union."

After hearing testimony, the committee adjourned without taking any action.

Testifying for the resolution, Sen. Nuberger (D-Ore.) said treaty provisions allow for an extension of NATO's military functions to economic and social fields. He said stronger political ties are needed among Western nations.

### RESOLUTION LIMITED

Advocates of the resolution point out that it does not call for the actual establishment of the union but merely suggests that a convention be called to consider the idea.

Taking note of this argument Dulles in a letter to committee Chairman George (D-Ga.) said that "if the invitation to the convention were made by the President . . . it would I think be inferred that he had accepted the practicality and general desirability of some such union."

The letter continued: "I would question the wisdom of the Congress seeming to put the President in that position at the present time. I therefore venture to suggest that if the Congress desires that a convention be held . . . a way be found to hold it . . . under less official auspices than is now suggested."

Under the resolution, the President would be requested to invite delegates from the NATO countries and representatives of their principal political parties to meet with delegates from the United States and representatives of its country political parties.

Dulles commented in his letter that it would be inappropriate for the President or the Congress to stipulate to other countries how their delegates should be named, and particularly that their delegates should include members of their principal political parties.

In this connection, I call attention to the fact that the largest single political party in France is the Communist Party."

Dulles' letter was read to the committee by under Secretary of State Robert Murphy.

Dulles also objected to the proposal.

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Moving Day: I. W. Williamson (On Ladder) And O.C. Hunter Take Down The Sign

## Old Landmark Is Shifted

Store Gives Way To Progress

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Hunter's Store, which is as famous in its way as Ivey's or Bede's on Elrod's, is making way—just slightly—for progress.

Since 1917, the old store and its "General Mide," sign have sat on Providence Rd. at the Sarda Rd. intersection, dispensing salt and snuff and—in more recent days—gasoline to the neighborhood.

But now, they're planning to widen Providence Rd. and make a real highway out of it. So Hunter's Store is moving today, 150 feet toward town and 20 or 30 feet back from the road.

Its 14-year-old owner and manager since 1937, O. C. Hunter, has sold out to his younger partner, W. I. (Bill) Williamson, and for a very good reason:

"Good folks are just too scarce. I've concluded not to kill myself."

HELL BE AROUND

But Mr. Hunter, on hand today to watch the Robertson House Moving people do their job on the old store, said he will still be around.

"I'm going to keep a chair and desk in the back of the place," he said. "I'll keep on dealing in real estate and do a little trading. But the store's not a new idea. It's got it, bad debts and all."

Mr. Hunter took over the store in 1937 after 25 years of sawmilling in eastern North Carolina. "It was the sole proprietorship until Mr. Williamson joined him about 10 years ago."

Much of the store's stock stayed right on the shelves for the move today. A big collection of candy jars was placed on the floor. Six varieties of chewing tobacco remained in their glass case. The old coal stove which has warmed the store for 27 winters stayed where it was, too.

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## Growers Are Happy

# Best Farm Crops In 8 Years Seen

By ANN SAWYER  
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The most favorable growing season in years is expected to give Mecklenburg farmers their best crop since 1947.

Generally speaking, County Farm Agent George B. Hobson said, farmers all over the county are benefiting from the recent frequent rains. The only reported dry section in Mecklenburg has been a small area northeast of Long Creek, he said.

This year's exceptionally good growing season is in sharp contrast to last summer's drought that cost local farmers over a million dollars and put Mecklenburg in the government's "disaster county" list.

Speaking conservatively, Mr. Hobson said, "we are in much better shape than a year ago."

BEST SINCE '47

"This county has had the best growing season since 1947," he said. "It's about that way for the whole state."

J. A. Shanklin, cotton specialist with the Extension Division in Raleigh, has said there is no reason why farmers should not make a bale of cotton per acre this year if they keep the boll weevils down.

"The prospects in Mecklenburg are good," Mr. Hobson said.

The good growing season here means a good corn crop, healthy green pastures, an abundance of truck crops, and a good stand of lespedeza and ready-to-harvest alfalfa.

WEREN'T TOO MUCH

Asked if the rains had been too much of a good thing anywhere in the county, Mr. Hobson said they had not, but added that most alfalfa growers would like to see a week of clear weather so they can harvest it.

Lespedeza, the other big hay crop here, will not be ready for harvesting for several weeks. In the spring, the infamous weekend cold snap killed all the lespedeza that was up. The present crop was not up at that time or has been planted since.

Good hay crops now will mean a better winter for dairymen and raisers of beef cattle, who were hurt by last winter's feed shortage.

About the only dark spot in the overall Mecklenburg farm picture is brought on by the surplus of

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## World War II Deserter

# Father Of 5 Given 25 Years

NEW YORK (AP)—A World War II Army deserter, who changed his name, raised a family and founded a thriving business—has been sentenced to 25 years at hard labor by a court-martial.

The penalty, imposed yesterday by Judge Arthur J. Falkenberg, N.Y., pleaded guilty, is subject to automatic review.

Athans' wife, Marjorie, who took their five children with her to the court-martial on Governors Island, tearfully told the board: "You couldn't ask for a better husband."

She married the ex-soldier in 1944, and has said she knew nothing of his desertion until his arrest last May.

Approximately 600 friends of the man petitioned the court-martial for leniency.

The deserter, who took the name of Joseph Trainer, operated a successful automobile agency near Jamestown in upstate New York for years. Then military police got on his trail in some unspecified manner.

The court-martial was told that Athans had been convicted three times for being AWOL and was serving a five-year sentence at that time at Knox, Ky., when he deserted Dec. 7, 1944.

The court-martial, composed of 10 officers and one warrant officer, added dishonorable discharge and forfeiture of all pay and allowances to the 25-year sentence. It could have sentenced Athans to hard labor for life.



Deserter Arthur Athans And Family, (AP)

## Object Would Circle World At High Speed

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today approved plans for launching a planned artificial earth satellite—an unmanned globe for purely scientific purposes.

Government scientists explained the thought is that one or more of the space objects would circle the earth 200 or 300 miles up at a speed of 18,000 m.p.h.

They might remain for days or weeks, then fall back down and disintegrate.

The White House said information obtained from the project—it is hoped the satellites can be launched by 1957 or 1958—will be available to scientists of all nations, Russia included.

Government scientists, participating in an extraordinary news conference at the White House, said the satellites are not yet in existence, only in the planning stage.

But they said confidence that they can be launched within perhaps two years is based on rocket flights going up to 250 miles.

The satellites, according to present thinking, would be about the size of basketballs.

What they might be made of, the experts do not yet know.

There is a hope that they can carry instruments. Even if they don't, it was explained, valuable information on the earth's upper atmosphere is expected.

The satellites would circle the earth once every 90 minutes, so that even if they remained up only a day or two there would be opportunity for study.

Scientists of all nations are to be informed of the orbits the satellites will travel and the frequencies on which they will broadcast, if it is possible to equip them with radio.

The whole project is designed as part of this country's participation in the international geophysical year, from July 1957 to December, 1958.

The period has been set aside by some 40 nations, Russia included, for research and worldwide observations in the field of the earth sciences.

### 10 MILLION PROJECT

The satellite program, on the basis of present, rough plans, is expected to cost some 10 million dollars.

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told the news conference that:

"I would like to stress that this project is entirely for scientific purposes."

"Do you mean," he was asked, "as distinct from warming purposes?"

"If you wish, yes," Hagerty replied. "The data that will be collected from this development will be available to all scientists throughout the world."

What will this rather fantastic development mean in the way of benefits for mankind?

Various scientists at the conference representing the National Academy of Sciences and the National Science Foundation said that there are possibilities in several directions.

For one thing more information may be obtained about the ionosphere which is important in radio communications.

Information may be obtained which may improve weather forecasting.

A better idea may result of the effects of the light and ultra violet radiation from the sun.

More information may be obtained on cosmic rays and meteorites.

## Timmerman Says Liquor Drive 'Misunderstood' With FBI



GOV. TIMMERMAN

WASHINGTON (AP)—FBI headquarters said today Director J. Edgar Hoover has declined an offer of the police commissioner of New York City.

The offer to Hoover was made today by Mayor Robert Wagner of New York.

Hoover was described by associates here as "traveling," and not directly reachable.

However, a spokesman for the FBI said:

Mr. Hoover has no plans to leave the FBI and has declined Mayor Wagner's kind offer."

COLUMBIA (AP)—South Carolina's drive to keep out liquor lacking state tax stamps is being misunderstood, Gov. Timmerman says.

He told a news conference that the program "wasn't designed to molest innocent members of the public," but rather to boost falling liquor tax revenues.

He said some "North Carolina papers have seized upon this program to paint a picture of South Carolina. What their reasons are, I don't know."

I think," he said of North Carolina residents journeying to South Carolina beaches for the weekend, "they enjoy the beaches more if they left their liquor in North Carolina."

The recent General Assembly appropriated approximately \$250,000 for State Tax Commission enforcement of the law which makes non-South Carolina tax stamped liquor contraband.

This is part of a program to boost liquor tax revenues that in seven years have fallen from about 15 million dollars a year to about six million. A drive against moonshine also is on.

The Tax Commission has begun patrolling the North Carolina border with radio-equipped cars.

North Carolina liquor has been about one dollar cheaper than South Carolina's.

Timmerman said in echoing a number of Tax Commission announcements, "to stop racketeers and those persons who go to North Carolina to buy large quantities of whiskey for distribution in the state to escape paying the state tax."

The governor referred to "ill-

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### Our Weather

Partly cloudy and hot today and tomorrow. Warm tonight with widely scattered thunder showers this afternoon and early evening.

High yesterday — 99.

High today — 91.

High tomorrow — 90.

Low tonight — 73.

Low tomorrow — 73.

Sunrise 5:35 a. m.; sunset 7:29 p. m.

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### Evening Prayer

O Thou who art our peace, today we pray for those who have anxious and restless hearts. Give it with Thy salvation and abiding presence. Thou art with us. In the name of the blessed Redeemer, Amen.