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Mr. Oscar E. Monnig  
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Dear Mr. Monnig:

Enclosed is a clipping from our current issue of The Southeast Oklahoman which possibly will interest you.

Mrs. A. L. Stanley, who asked that I send the clipping, handed me your request for reports from persons who observed our recent meteor, which I will publish in the hope that you will receive the desired information. I imagine the farmer who recovered the fragment can give you some details, although I doubt if he will be so good at giving the information by mail.

You may have seen the AP story on Wednesday, September 19. It was published on page 1 of the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, and carried more details than are given in my story or than Texas papers would run. If you want that copy, you might write Mr. R.G. Miller, state editor of the Oklahoman, for a copy.

Mrs. Stanley tells me that you have an observatory at your home, and with your permission I would like to see it some time when I am in Ft. Worth.

If in our exchanges I run into anything more about eye-witness accounts I will forward them to you.

Yours very sincerely,

Frances C. Imon, editor  
The Southeast Oklahoman  
Hugo, Oklahoma



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## A COLUMN OF COMMENT

By E. M. DEWESE

*"I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it."*

—VOLTAIRE

*"Honesty and competency require no shield of secrecy."*

—WOODROW WILSON

### STEADILY TOUGHER

#### POLICY TOWARD JAPAN

THERE ARE SIGNS that early criticism of General MacArthur's "soft policy" toward the Japanese were premature. Several times the general has cracked down hard enough for the vanquished Nipponese to learn that the Americans can and will get plenty tough on provocation. MacArthur's procedure seems to grow stern gradually, but steadily. The Japanese are going to realize that they were whipped, very thoroughly. By the time the top war lords and the lesser fry guilty of prison camp atrocities get what is coming to them, the lesson will be obvious.

The big problem will be educating those truculent orientals to the fact that they were wrong in starting the war, wrong in the way they conducted it, and must of necessity get into new habits of thinking if they are to be permitted self government. Inculcating a sense of moral consciousness into people to whom such values mean nothing, is a herculean task. If it can be accomplished, it is likely that no less than a generation will be required. General Wainwright may have had something like this in mind, in addition to military security, when he suggested occupation for twenty years.

### NEW ORDINANCES ARE WORTHWHILE

TWO ORDINANCES passed by

## FRAGMENT OF METEOR FALLS NEAR ATOKA

### Explosion Heard in this County by Many

A fragment of a meteor, which was observed by many Choctaw county residents about dusk Monday as it flashed through the sky, Tuesday was recovered by Frank Morris, who saw it fall on his farm three miles northwest of Atoka. The fragment weighed about 20 pounds.

Morris was returning home from a hunting trip on his farm when he saw the fragment fall, burying itself deep in the ground. He marked the spot and returned the next day to dig the ground for several feet before recovering the fragment.

The meteor was observed over a wide territory in Southeast Oklahoma as it hurled through the air. It was believed by many to be a burning airplane, a belief that was strengthened when it exploded in mid-air with a loud noise, which was heard for many miles. Highway patrolmen and peace officers throughout this section were alerted to be on the lookout for a plane.

Morris described the meteor as first being like a huge ball of fire, which trailed a flare for a few seconds, giving it the appearance of having a tail. The light then disappeared but a trail of smoke did not disappear for several minutes after the phenomenon ceased. The explosion rattled windows for several miles, it was said. Up to Wednesday Morris' fragment was the only one reported found.

### Pvt. Billingslea Is Recuperating

Convalescent training at the Keesler Field AAF Regional

### Testerman and Leader Homes Win Yard Contest

Mrs. Paul Leader, of Boswell, and Mrs. C. E. Testerman, of Fallon, were winners in the Boswell and rural home divisions respectively in the Choctaw County Chamber of Commerce's home beautification contest.

Homes were nominated for entrance into the contest several months ago, and decisions of the judges were announced this week.

The grounds of First Christian church in Hugo were adjudged the most beautiful in the church division, and the model alley choice was in the 800 block between Jackson and Kirk streets at the rear of the homes of the J. A. Phinneys, B. A. Vineyards, G. W. Andersons, Homer Coggins, Jakes B. Cobbs and F. C. Pratts.

In first ward winners were the Lloyd Simpsons, 802 East Duke, first; the W. E. Schoolers, 509 East Jackson, second; and the Robert Grants, 410 East Brown, third.

Third Ward, the W. C. Hackers, 405 South Third, first; the Claud Pattersons, 411 South Third, second; the C. D. Brockmans, 210 East Main, third.

Fourth ward, the Dean Weavers, 609 West Jackson, first; the H. S. Gore, 412 North H street, second; and the John Moores, 901 West Jackson, third.

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## FALLING METEOR FRAGMENT FOUND NORTH OF ATOKA

Small fragments of what is believed to have been a meteor which sprinkled down over Atoka county early Monday evening amidst heavy rumblings and elongated clouds of streaming smoke were recovered Tuesday morning by Frank Mars., county farmer, and public officers on the Guy Holden farm two miles north of Boggy creek.

The heavy rumblings, resembling distant thunder, were heard over a large area and residents of McAlester, Antlers, Wapanucka and Coalgate called Sheriff L. O. McBride inquiring the cause through Monday nite.

Another fragment of the meteor was reported at Stringtown where a colored citizen was scared silly by the impact of a fast-moving object near his feet.

The fragment recovered by the group Tuesday, was dug from a two-foot hole where Marsh, on a squirrel hunting trip, saw it fall. He marked the spot and notified officers. Arthur Johnson, city police chief. Joe Hurt, FBI man from McAlester, and a penitentiary convict on hand for digging purposes, unearthed a four-pound object resembling burned met-

Investigators from the Bureau of Public Safety in Oklahoma City are being sent to Atoka county to investigate the phenomenon

Wide divergance on the time, place, method, and general details of the occurence were evident from all sources with the only sure fact he is donating to Atoka highschool for future reference.