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Executive Continues Hunt for Meteorite

BY JOHN CLIFT Star-Telegram Correspondent

DENISON, Nov. 9—A Fort Worth department store executive is continuing his search in this area for fragments of a meteorite which flashed across the sky two months ago.

Oscar E. Monnig, vice president of Monnig's in Fort Worth, has tracked down three pieces of the meteorite which was sighted the night of Sept. 9.

One hit a house in southwest Bells. Another was found on Rattlesnake Creek Ranch owned by Ben Blackburn of Denison and the third was located southwest of Bells by Walter White, a Bonham science teacher.

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of molded lumps of charcoal used in back yard barbecue pits.

The crust of the fragments melt in the plunge through the atmosphere, Monnig explained, giving the molded effect. He said the pieces are delicate and may crumble after they hit the ground. Tiny flecks of white can be seen along the edges.

Monnig believes that by now the fragments will start having rust spots, which can be clues in identifying them.