

Rosenberg 713 NO 2-7320

Angle of sun at hair

Mrs. Hugo V. Schulz of Cranfills Gap said a meteorite had fallen thru a truck windshield and hit a man at Clifton, Frazier Gaston.

He was listed at 616 South Ave. O phone OR 5-3560 but no answer and when we went by it developed he had sold that house and was living with son Tom Gaston at 206 Ave. Q. Their phone is OR 5-3727.

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Frazier said his son Tom was driving the truck and Frazier was getting ready to rest (go back in the sleeper) when a rock came thru the right side of the windshield near the top and hit him on his left knee. Shattered powder from the safety glass got in his hair and even eyebrows quite heavily and the son asked what to do; they seem to have slowed down somewhat in the excitement and the truck following them passed; Frazier told Tom to keep going and catch up with the other truck, pass it and then find a good spot to pull off, which was done. The stone had gone on to the floorboard and after he got the glass out of his hair and face Frazier picked it up but it was not hot.

They were about 6 miles west of Tucson going towards Casa Grande, going about 60 m.p.h. on a four lane highway with perhaps 300 yards (?) separation of the two sides with no one in front of him and as he recalls, no cars across the road going the other way. They got to Brawley, Calif. the next morning.

He can get the date from his tickets but his wife thought it was about 2 months ago, say March 22; it was on a Sunday night and they were hauling cattle in their double decker truck; time was about 9 p/m. The truck is an International DCO with Ace trailer, double deck; it is marked G. F. Gaston.

The rock was not hot when it hit and it came in about 8 or 10 inches from the left edge of the windshield half and several inches (6"?) below the top. It was described as being heavy and with an exterior that was a dull dark grey--not as black or quite as big as the Kendleton I carry as a sample (about that size but not so thick, he said).

They went on a mile or so after the incident and the other truck passed them, but they caught up with it and then pulled off. The other truck was driven by two boys at Hamilton who work for Leroy Beach; Bob Ogle is one of them.

Frazier didn't say anything about seeing the fireball or hearing any shock wave and apparently witnessed nothing in that respect. There was some intimation that the boys in the following truck heard a roar and perhaps saw the light.

Olin Dunn at Cranfills Gap repaired the windshield. The meteorite is in a desk they sent to Rosenberg, where they are moving. He has a brother in Ft. Worth to whom he will send it. He had knocked a very little piece off it; interior looked the same.