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Sky Blazer Fell Nearby Sleuth Says

Texas Man In Logan County
Searching For Meteor That
Streaked Monday Eve

HAS HIS FIGURES

Thinks That Particles Or Mass
Matter Will Be Located
Near Crescent-Lovell

By ROY HICKOX

INTO Guthrie, Friday, rode a meteor detective, a more modern type of investigator than the Philo Vance type of sleuths.

Curly-headed Robert Brown, 26, who hails from Fort Worth, Tex., sped all the way from native plains to Oklahoma to track down the "fireball" which swept across mid-Oklahoma skies Monday evening.

And take it from Brown, he is in hot pursuit.

Parts Fell in County

Brown scanned his clues and drew a conclusion therefrom that particles from the meteor fell to earth between Crescent and Lovell, the locality over which occurred the explosion.

REASONED Brown:

"The meteor began over a point four miles east and eight miles south of Shawnee at a height of about 35 miles and
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ended over a point about half-way between Crescent and Lovell at a height of 12 miles.

"When I say the meteor ended at the height of 12 miles, I mean the meteor stopped giving off light at that point above the earth. This occurred at the time of the explosion which was so well heard over this section of the country.

"If any fragments did fall, they will be along the path of the meteor and most likely will be very close to the explosion point.

"It will be well for the people living between Crescent and Lovell to be on the lookout for any dark, heavy and unusual rocks which they may find. They may be meteorites."

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BY profession Brown is an engineer. But his hobby is astronomy. "But I have to work as an engineer to pay for my hobby," he explained.

The Texan, his face showing a two-day beard accumulated during his search, is itching to get his fingers on those meteorites.

He would appreciate the help of any person who locates one.

"The meteorites have only a scientific value," he declared. "Some institutes pay one dollar a pound for them just to encourage interest and stimulate a search. Finders should not break open a meteorite."

Brown stated that he has been scouring the country between Crescent and Lovell, and that he has talked to so many farmers he is hoarse.

"They all heard the explosion but none of them seems to have seen it. I carry two or three meteorites with me and show the farmers what to look for in their fields.

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HOW did Brown determine the path and height of the meteor? "Well, I started in at the south end and drove completely around the point where meteor was first seen. I got the views of all the persons I could contact who saw it and then plotted the course.

"I did the same thing at this end. I drove through Kingfisher, Enid, Guthrie and all over, and figured the spot just between Crescent and Lovell as the meteor's termination."

Brown offered a new explanation for the explosion.

"The meteor was speeding through the air at probably 20 miles a second. That is much faster than the velocity of a bullet.

"The meteor piled up a column of air in front of it at that terrific speed, and the pressure was so great the air suddenly expanded. The expansion probably caused the meteor to explode."

The meteor detective will be in this vicinity for several days.