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## Meteor Fragment Found By Youth Near Crescent

### Amateur Astronomer Announces Discovery—Scientific Value

Recovery of a fragment of the meteor which streaked across mid-Oklahoma skies Monday evening and set tongues to wagging, was claimed Saturday afternoon by Robert Brown, amateur astronomer from Fort Worth, Tex., who sped to this sector to track down the "fireball."

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boy was carrying it in a little sack. "I guess it was the unusual color of the rock which interested the boy in picking it up."

Brown declared that the body of the meteor probably is in that vicinity and is buried, and that fragments are scattered in the area between Lovell and Crescent.

He pointed out that they are of great scientific value but of little monetary worth. He said the standard payment for meteorites is one dollar per pound.

#### To Return

Brown and his companion, Bailey Mathis, also of Fort Worth, Saturday afternoon departed for home but asserted they would return in about a week to continue their quest for meteorites.

A regular atmosphere sleuth, Brown plotted the course of the meteor as starting 12 miles south-east of Shawnee and terminating with an explosion at a height of 20 miles over the Crescent-Lovell area.

An engineer by profession, Brown says he is interested in astronomy as a hobby.

Efforts to reach Johnson Saturday for a statement were futile.

The fragment was found by Eddie Gene Johnson, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, living four miles north and one mile east of Crescent, as the lad was hunting rabbits in a nearby field, Brown said.

#### Earliest Known

Carbon colored and of a sandy, brittle grain, the particle roughly is the size of a hen's egg. Brown estimated that it weighs three ounces.

The curly-headed Texan stumbled on to the fragment as he made a house-to-house canvass of residents in the Crescent-Lovell area in search of meteorites. Meteors and their fragments become meteorites when they strike the earth.

"It is the earliest I've known of a fragment to be found after a meteor has appeared," Brown said.

"The meteorite was found by the little fellow as he crossed a field. Since the meteor exploded, the boy has been on the lookout for particles.

#### Fragments Scattered

"He brought it home and showed it to his folks. His uncle didn't think it was a meteorite and whittled a bit on one corner of it. When I went up to the house to make inquiries about the meteor, the family told me about the rock. The

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