

Shooting Star Lights Sky, Brings Reports Of Burning Airplane

A shooting star of unusual brilliance or a meteor was seen by a number of Dallasites Monday in the northern sky shortly before dark.

According to various descriptions the light from the heavenly visitor was green at first and turned into orange as it disappeared. The duration of the light was variously estimated from two to ten seconds, the latter by E. C. Malloy, 614 North Clinton.

In addition to the reports on the shooting star or meteor, several telephone calls were received by The News asking if an airplane at Love Field had caught on fire.

Fire Ball in Sky Seen in Oklahoma

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METEOR SEEN HERE IS TRACED

Local astronomers Tuesday were trying to trace the course of a meteor seen falling in the northern sky early Monday night.

Apparently this was the same that was seen in Oklahoma and Oscar Moning, Fort Worth astronomer, believes the meteor passed over Oklahoma City or Shawnee, Okla.

"When people see a meteor fall out of sight," said Monnig, "it is safe to say it is at least 150 miles away. Observations indicated it fell due north of here, which would place it in line with Oklahoma City or Shawnee."

Mrs. Otto Schleymeyer, who was standing on the back porch of her home at Lake Worth, noticed the meteor about 7:07 p. m. H. M. Maclin, 614 East Bluff, was another who noticed it. Mrs. Alice Sue Watson of East Richmond Avenue described it as "bright green in color."

Data Sought As Fireball Streaks Across Oklahoma

Scientists Believe Heavenly Display May Have Been Meteor; Hundreds Watch Its 75-Mile Course

By United Press.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 18.—Scientists eagerly sought data today on the ball of "blue fire" that streaked across Central Oklahoma at dusk last night.

Hundreds of persons reported witnessing the phenomenon as it trailed a cloud of white smoke northwestward over a course some 75 miles in length, from Shawnee to Kingfisher.

Astronomers described it as a "fireball," a mammoth boulder whizzing through the atmosphere at such speed that it generated sufficient heat to ignite itself.

A dull explosion from the direction taken by the fireball was audible after it disappeared. At El Reno the blast seemed to come from the direction of Concho, farther to the northwest. But at Concho the phenomenon had not been observed, nor was the explosion noted.

G. E. Meador, professor of astronomy at Oklahoma City University, said the blazing boulder undoubtedly was a fireball. He said one of the same general descrip-

tion was sighted in Central Oklahoma about a year ago.

Harry Wahlgren, federal meteorologist here, missed the chance of a lifetime. He was swamped with calls concerning the fireball, but he failed to see it. But he did hear the explosion.

"I ran to the roof and looked toward the oilfield, thinking it was an explosion there," Wahlgren said. "It might have been a large meteor."

Prof. Meador said the fireball probably struck the ground, burned itself out and when gas formed blew out a hole, causing the blast. The explosion occurred some three minutes after the celestial display was observed.

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