

Hunt for Meteorite Urged at Harleton

MARSHALL, June 2 (Spl). — Residents of the Harleton area northeast of Marshall were urged Thursday to keep on the lookout for additional portions of the meteorite which fell on a farm in that area Tuesday night.

Oscar E. Monnig, Fort Worth department store executive who has been interested in meteorites since 1926, was in Marshall Thursday attempting to negotiate for the meteorite to be sent to Smithsonian Astrophysical Laboratory at Cambridge, Mass., for study.

The meteorites found in the past have almost always been in more than a single piece," Monnig said. "And there are strong indications that there are additional fragments of varying size in the Harleton area at this time."

Scientific value of the meteorite is almost entirely limited to those found within a few days of the time they fall, he said. The recovery of the one Tuesday night was one of the earliest in recent years.

The meteor found here was the first in East Texas since one was located in Plantersville in 1930, Monnig said. There have been no reported recoveries of old meteorites in this section of the state, since the appearance of one changes within a relatively short time to match the appearance of native East Texas iron orerocks, Monnig said.

"There have been hundreds of old meteorites found in Texas, but all of them have come from areas where native rocks are either limestone or virtually non-existent," he pointed out.

The meteorite which fell in the rear of the J. W. Craver home near Harleton was termed of average size and apparently is one of the stone meteorites, which are about 20 times as frequent as iron meteorites.

To date, there has never been an early recovery of an iron meteorite in the United States, although most of these found do contain a certain amount of free iron, Monnig said.

He discounted reports of another meteorite falling east of Marshall Wednesday night, pointing out that it is not unusual for such reports to follow the recovery of a meteorite.

"People become more interested in such recoveries and have a tendency to report minor fireballs which are consumed long before they reach the earth," he said.

Photographs Presented

TOKYO, June 2 (Reuter's). — The Tokyo Press Photographers Association presented an album of photographs of former U. S. Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II Thursday to his successor, Edwin Reischauer. The album is to be passed on to MacArthur, now U. S. ambassador to Belgium.

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