



IT LOOKS LIKE a heavy, brown rock, but it's really a meteorite that Fort Worth merchant Oscar E. Monnig is trying to obtain some information about. Monnig, whose avocation is the study of meteorites, said the meteorite is from the artifact collection of the late Dr. J. E. Hawkins, who taught German at Baylor University.

Information Sought On Late Prof's 'Rock'

Oscar E. Monnig is searching for information about what looks like a large rock, but is actually a meteorite from an asteroid belt far out in space.

Monnig, who is vice president of Monnig's Dry Goods Co., has been involved in amateur astronomy study since 1926. That interest developed particularly toward meteorites.

The meteorite in question was owned by the late Dr. J. E. Hawkins, who taught German at Baylor for many years. Dr. Hawkins' widow called Dr. R. L. Bronaugh, associate professor of biology at Baylor, several months ago and offered her husband's collection of Indian arrowheads and other artifacts for display at Baylor.

Monnig said when Bronaugh went to the Hawkins home, the first thing he saw was the meteorite, which weighs 11 pounds, 12 ounces, and measures about 9 inches long, four inches thick and four inches high.

The meteorite is a chocolate brown color, which Monnig said indicates it is "still relatively fresh." When a meteorite falls, it is black-encrusted, while much later it begins to turn a rusty color on the surface.

Monnig said the meteorite will

be on display in the Strecker Museum on the Baylor campus, but some background information about it is needed.

"A meteorite is interesting only to the extent that you have a pedigree on it," he said. Information needed includes where and when the meteorite was found.

Monnig's address is 29 Chelsea Drive, Fort Worth, 76134. Bronaugh may be contacted at Baylor.