

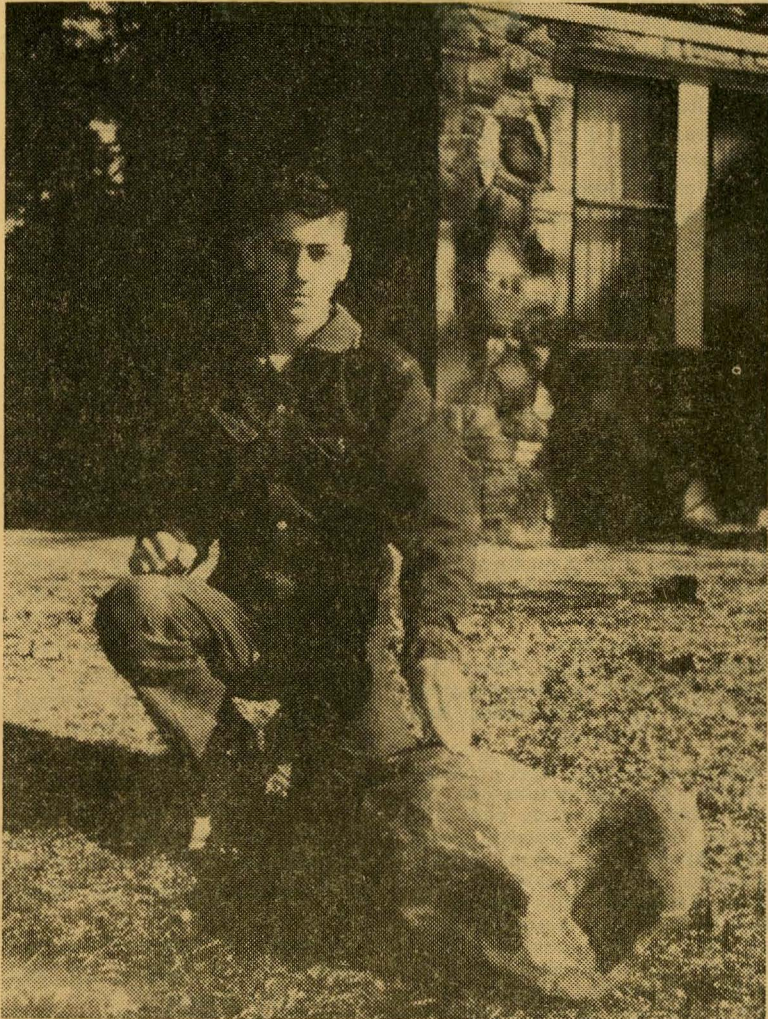
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NOT A DINOSAUR TRACK that he first thought it was, but a visitor from outer space is fingered by Glenn Orr who turned up weighty evidence that this rock-like object might be part of a meteorite that exploded in this area 45 years ago.

King-size meteorite may have been town-shaker

By M. L.

Glenn Orr didn't dream he had tripped and fallen over a visitor from outer space.

He was excited because a sunken place in the peculiar rock looked to him like a footprint of a dinosaur.

Anyway, it was fun to be a 14-year-old boy and out bird hunting on the last day of the season. And

he was frequently loading his pockets with unusual looking rocks he would find when out working on the place or hiking around the countryside.

And now he had a real find!

Glenn is a Tishomingo High School Freshman and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Orr, who live on a dairy farm about seven miles northeast of town. He took time out

from helping his dad haul hay to explain about his discovery.

He found it about a mile west of his home near the road on John Whiteley's place. When he tripped over the rock, he examined it, as boys will. Most of it was buried in the ground and he didn't know at the time there were two pieces. He proceeded to dig around the rock, uncovering it, but he couldn't

lift it. It still looked like a dinosaur footprint to him, so he went home to tell his dad about his find.

Naturally, his dad took a rather dim view of the dinosaur story, but decided he would take a look, also.

The senior Orr had problems lifting the rock, too. And it was quite small. So he asked the assistance of a couple of R.E.A. line boys working down the road a piece. They brought their truck and taking a winch, loaded one rock weighing 214 pounds on their truck, the other weighing 360 pounds on Orr's truck.

Someone told Glenn the meteorite might be worth about \$500, but he grinned and said he hasn't had any offers. "I think I'll just keep it," he remarked.

Yes, he is modest about his find. But the shine in Glenn's brown eyes proves he is very proud.

Miss Leola Williams, C.-D. staff member read the above story and put on her thinking cap:

"Yes, sir," she declared. "I remember a meteorite falling one warm summer night in 1920."

She explained that Mrs. Ida Hutchens had several girls boarding in her home, and they were all upstairs playing a game of dominoes. Suddenly, something lit up the "whole earth like daylight!"

It happened so quickly they hardly had time to think, Miss Williams said.

"Best I remember, we were on the north side of the house. The light was so bright that everybody felt it, (the meteorite), fell somewhere close and north of town."

"It scared the dickens out of all of us, didn't it?" Miss Williams asked.

"It sure did!" Mrs. Hutchens laughingly replied.