

Eugene Star Lover Paints Word Picture to Enable Friends to Share Pleasure

Nearly 30 years of study and enjoyment of the starry heavens have been the rich experience of Mrs. Irina Williams, Eugene, who has written to the paper in an effort to share this experience with other readers. Mrs. Williams describes several of the principal winter constellations and tells how they can be recognized.

By IRINA DUNN WILLIAMS

"As I stepped onto the lawn last night to gaze at the stars that were out in all their glory, I was overwhelmed by the beauty and majesty of those dazzling scenes so unthinkably distant from our tiny earth. The older I grow the more insignificant do I feel, and the more overpowering do the words of the Psalmist grip my very soul: 'The Heavens declare the Glory of God, and the Firmament showeth His handiwork.'

"Many of my friends, at odd times, have told me they knew so little of the constellations, or how to find them, and wished that I would aid them. I feel quite inadequate to give the little information that I have, especially on paper. One should point out these groups personally, as 'silently one by one in the infinite meadows of heaven, Blossom the lovely stars, Of forget-me-nots of the angels.'

"It has been 26 years since I stood with my beloved teacher, Miss Rodney (at St. Helen's hall), under the stars as she pointed out numbers of constellations that were in view that night. It was far better than studying my celestial atlas. Thus I feel that I may not be of much help in describing them now. But I do so want to share my pleasure with others. I know if they could link groups of stars in proper outlines with always a star of the first or second magnitude (and often a number of them) to aid in forming an imaginary figure, they would get much pleasure out of it.

"Just at this time (February) Orion predominates the heavens, somewhat south of the zenith at 9 o'clock. Orion, the Hunter, is probably the best known of the constellations to amateurs. With a little imagination and a knowledge of the main stars that outline his figure one can see the famous hunter as he strides the sky.

"Now for the outline: face the south, and about half way between the zenith and the horizon find three stars in a row a little inclined * * * this is the belt. Now two stars of the first magnitude outline the shoulders far above the belt, the left shoulder somewhat higher than the right as if straggling his shoulder. At the right end of the belt is a cluster of small stars, that is the glittering nit of his sword, small stars form his sword down his side. To the right of the sword at some distance, is a very bright star, which marks the knee of the uplifted leg as if he were climbing the sky; another bright star further down at the left is at the toe of his left foot. He looks a little askew even in the sky. But there is more still. He has a right arm but scarcely discernible, covered with a lion's skin which is uphrust into the face of Taurus the Bull who with lowering head is lunging at Orion. The face of the Bull is easily recognized, as a few bright stars form a such as every child from time immemorial has drawn for the face of a cow. One bright star at the corner of the v-shaped Alderbaran glowers like a fiery eye.

"In the shoulder of Taurus is the well known cluster of tiny stars called the Pleiades, or The Seven Sisters. 'Glittering like a swarm of fireflies, tangled in a silver braid.' But Orion is followed by his dog which carries on his sharp nose the most famous jewel in all the galaxy of stars!

"Sirius, one of the brightest and the nearest sun to the earth, set a ray of light travelling 166,000 miles a second takes 9 years to reach the earth! No use trying to fathom such swiftness; our mind swoons at the effort. We will just believe it and let it go at that.

"All you need to do to locate Sirius the Dog Star, if you do not already know, is to draw an imaginary line from the three stars in the belt of Orion to the bright star in the southeast. The dog is large and far down towards the horizon. One can locate his hind

quarters as he sits on his haunches.

I can write of only one more constellation. It is familiar to every one and in the north. The Dipper in the Great Bear, or Ursa Major. As you know the two outer stars in the bowl of the Dipper point directly to the Pole star; but did you know that the terminal star in curving handle points to the famous Arcturus? This star is mentioned in the most ancient book of Job—as are Orion and The Pleiades. "Canst thou loose the bands of Orion, or bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades?"

I am utterly incapable of giving a comprehensive description of the constellations, but I have long been in the hope that our Professor Pruitt of the university might give us instructions about the constellations as he so interestingly has done in the past with the planets.

He can point out as they appear in their season, all those leaders of the heavens—Antares, that scintillating diamond of the summer southern horizon in Scorpio's curving tail. You cannot miss it—Lyrta or Vega, the brilliant red star right over head, proudly vaulting her glory to all beholders—Altaire, in the eagle, so easy to see when once we know its whereabouts — its three stars plainly showing across the bird from tip to tip of the wings (in your imagination).

In the north, the beautiful brilliant Capella always on the opposite side of the great northern circle from Arcturus as they slowly revolve around the north star in their yearly migration. Just now Arcturus is in the northeast and Capella is in the northwest. Capella has a pointer too.

If we can learn only a small part of this heavenly map, we can pick out groups with their leading stars of the first magnitude as the harpist plucks out lovely harmony from the strings of his harp.

All this beauty is ours for the seeking. The high and the lowly without price!

Is it any wonder that the ancients far, far back in the ages were star worshippers and sun worshippers? As they kept their lonely vigils over their flocks by night, and turned with eager faces to the east as the first rosy beam appeared above the horizon and slowly spread its blushing beauty over the eastern sky, then the sun god himself arose in all his glory, they prostrated themselves and worshipped him, assured that today had come once more from the inscrutable yesterday. Even then there must have been an embryo of thought, unuttered, unexpressed within them, that culminated ages hence in a belief of a Great I Am, a Power that held the Universe in its hand and from which they could not escape, an all enveloping influence.

No words can better express this thought than these majestic words from the Book of Books:

"Whither shall I go from Thy spirit, or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold Thou art there.

"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead me."

Lions Meeting Held With Grange Group

The history and achievements of the grange as a national organization were outlined for the Eugene Lions club in a talk by Frank B. Harlow, a state grange district deputy, at the club's meeting Wednesday noon at the Willakenzie Grange hall.

The grange developed following the Civil war as result of the pitiful conditions existing in agriculture in the south; it was pointed out. The grange is a family organization and has done more for rural people than any one group or movement, providing social interests, as well as a functioning group working for agricultural development and economic betterment as well as for the legislative interests of the farmers, Mr. Harlow stated. Quoting some figures, Mr. Harlow said Oregon has 23,000 grangers; Lane county has 30 granges with 1900 members enrolled.

The ladies of the grange served a turkey dinner for the Lions.

N. W. Lumbermen Fail In Pact Request

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 21—(AP)—Pacific northwest lumbermen have been rejected on their pleas for reopening of the Canadian trade agreement, the Washington bureau of the Oregon Journal said today.

A delegation of west coast men, led by Col. William B. Greeley, was told by the committee on reciprocity agreements in Washington that to reopen the lumber issue would require that the agreement be opened on all points and would be inadvisable.

Further, it was said that there appears to be no serious danger of excessive imports from Canada and no figures to indicate need for drastic action at this time.

The west coast men argued that under present shipping conditions, Canada is losing her former overseas markets and is beginning a vigorous invasion of outlets to California and the Atlantic seaboard.

Interest Shown In Snow Train

Much interest is being manifest in the season's first snow train which will go to Crescent lake next Sunday under the auspices of the Ski Laufer.

The train leaves the Southern Pacific depot at 7 a. m. and will leave the lake for the return trip at 3:30 p. m.

Coffee and sandwiches will be available on the train. Those wishing to take their lunch may eat on the train, or those not wishing to take their lunch may find accommodations at the lake resort.

Those going for skiing are reminded to tie their skis and poles together with proper tag on them so they will not be lost. All articles will be put in the baggage car.

Tickets for the train are on sale at Hendershott's, Babb's, Troeh's, Miller's store, Russell's store, Montgomery Ward.

Four Women File For Committee Posts

Two candidates for republican committee women and two for democratic committee women have filed their declaration in the office of the county clerk. Ada S. Joyce, 1824 Agate street, seeks the republican committee post for Eugene precinct No. 29 and Mrs. L. M. Bryson, 516 Lawrence street, for Eugene precinct No. 5.

Mrs. Clara H. Halverson of Junction City RFD 1 seeks the democratic nomination for committee woman from Junction precinct No. 2 and Kathryn E. Hicks of Junction City for precinct No. 1 of that city.

Maryland Fireworks Blast Kills One

ELKTON, Md., Feb. 21—(AP)—One man was killed and at least 13 persons injured today when a powder magazine of Triumph Explosives, Inc. blew up, setting afire small buildings nearby.

The dead man was identified as Edward Kneese, 35, of Glasgow, Del. His clothes were virtually torn off by the force of the blast. All the injured were reported to have been working in the small building where the explosion occurred.

International Relations Meet Attracts Speakers

Three special speakers will be sent to the University of Oregon campus to lecture at the northwest conference of the International Relations club February 23 and 24 by the Carnegie Endowment.

They are Miss Amy Heminway Jones, division assistant for the Carnegie Endowment, G. Bernard Noble, professor of political science at Reed college, and Andre Phillip, professor of economics and finance at the University of Lyons, France.

Miss Jones will speak at the opening meeting of the conference to be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock. She will be at the conclave to assist and advise the local club in making the meetings a success.

Professor Noble will talk to the delegates at a luncheon in St. Mary's Episcopal church Friday at 12:15 p. m. The professor was at one time a Rhodes scholar to Oxford university.

Andre Phillip, besides his post at the University of Lyons, is a member of the French academy. He is at present on a speaking tour of the United States. He will speak at the banquet in St. Mary's Episcopal church Friday night at 6:30. His topic will be "European Affairs."

Besides the three speakers, round table sessions will be held Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning for the benefit of the delegates and anyone else interested.

The topics to be discussed are: "The System of Future World Security," "American Foreign Policy, Isolation, Neutrality, or Cooperation," "Peace in the Western Hemisphere," "The Far East and the Present World War," "Democracy, Can It Survive?"

Delegates will read papers on each of the subjects at the round table sessions. Discussion will follow.

Junior Programs Event On Friday

Rural school children wishing to obtain tickets for "The Prince and the Pauper," to be presented Friday morning at the McDonald theater by the Very Little Theatre group, are asked to call Mrs. Victor Phelps, 2114-R, Thursday. Adults will be admitted at the door, Friday, if there are remaining seats.

Tickets were distributed among all the local schools. The plan of the Junior Programs is to present entertainment suitable for children at non-profit prices.

Every child wishing to go will be given the privilege, whether or not he can afford the small charge asked, because local groups co-operating in the Junior Programs have set aside a fund to secure tickets for those unable to pay the 15-cent admission charge.

Teachers and mothers will be on hand at the show as chaperons.

Two performances are listed, one at 8:30 a. m., the other at 10:30 a. m.

The school board and teachers, the American Association of University Women, Phi Beta, Mu Phi Epsilon, the Welfare League, and the Very Little Theatre, the Junior Symphony, Girl Scouts and other organizations are co-operating in putting on the Junior Programs series this year.

Finns Still Block Russian Divisions

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miles from the isthmus front, there was relative quiet on the sector where Finland two days ago reported wiping out a Russian division, but a few enemy strong points were captured.

A Russian attempt to send reinforcements to surrounded detachments near Kuhmo, about midway on the Russian-Finnish frontier, was repulsed.

Finnish planes scouted behind the Soviet lines and bombed Russian encampments during a day which saw extensive aerial activity extending into the night.

"Several fierce air battles" were reported both in the war zone and far behind the lines but "in many cases attacks by enemy formations were foiled and formations dispersed."

Four-H Achievement Day Planned May 11

Plans are under way for the annual county-wide Four-H achievement exhibit to be held in the Four-H club building on the fairgrounds Saturday, May 11. Projects and record books must be completed and entered by Wednesday, May 8, to compete. It is announced at the office of R. C. Kuehner, county club leader.

The program for the day will consist of a county-wide Four-H health roundup, demonstration contests, style revue, sewing contests, home economics, judging contests, cooking contests, forestry contests and handicraft contests.

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