

Watch for Perseid Meteors Wises Astronomer Pruett

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The Perseid meteors, those bits of glowing light which are the joy of the amateur astronomer, have started their annual flight from the northeast corner of the sky. Although usually numerous on Aug. 10, and 11, yet for many nights of these dates—and a few more—some meteors belonging to the Perseid group may be seen.

The "shooting stars" are called Perseids because they seem to come from the star-group Perseus in the northeastern night sky. They may be seen in any part of the sky, but the best time to watch them is from the northeast corner of the sky.

Perseids travel in the orbit of the comet of 1862 (Tuttle), and are doubtless the finest of the high-speed meteoroids that pass too near the earth to be drawn toward it and are so luminous by friction in the earth's atmosphere. Becoming visible at heights of around 80 miles, they are usually completely extinguished by the time they reach the level, and are thus lost to the cosmic stream. The Perseids are the only meteor group which give rise to the Perseid meteor shower.

The "meteor shower" gives the impression that they will be falling from the sky. Such showers of meteors are historical facts, and there is no record of such a shower of the Perseids. At the best, one observer has recorded interference from city lights and moonlight with his observations on the sky will show 10 or 15 meteors per hour. The Perseids are the only meteor group which give rise to the Perseid meteor shower.

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The best counts are obtained after midnight, yet many fine meteors may be seen as soon as it is dark. The moon will interfere considerably this year, so the fainter ones will not be seen. Although several days past full, yet the moon's gibbous form will rise before 11 p. m. all three nights during the best part of the display.

T. C. Mason Dies At Home Of Son

COTTAGE GROVE, Aug. 8.—(Special)—Thaddeus Carl Mason died Thursday evening at the home of his son, Herbert Mason, 40 Willamette court.

Mr. Mason had made his home with his son since October, 1940. Previously, he lived for 25 years at Salem and Corvallis.

He was born in Salem, Iowa, in March, 1861.

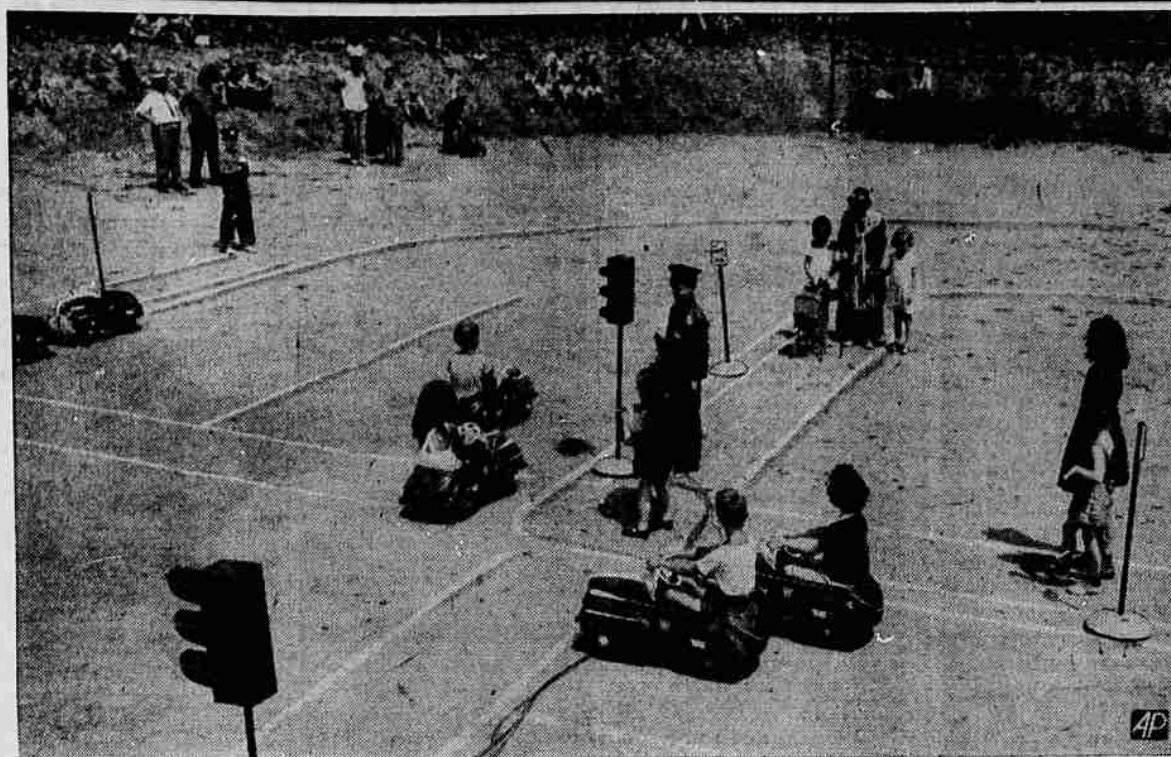
Surviving are two sons, Herbert Mason of this city and Edward Mason of Long Beach, Wash.; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; four brothers and two sisters. Mr. Mason was a member of the Friends church at Salem, Ore., and of the I.O.O.F. and Rebekah lodges in Corvallis.

Funeral services will be announced later from Smith chapel.

4-H CLUBS MEET

BELLFOUNTAIN, Aug. 8.—(Special)—The Four-H Canning club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mary Lou Nystrom for their regular meeting, with judging the main theme. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Nystrom.

The Four-H Canning club members enjoyed a swimming party and picnic supper at the Benton-Lane park on Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by their leader, Mrs. George Buckingham, and Mrs. F. A. Nystrom.



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D. L. Lakey, 66, Dies At Drain

David Loran Lakey, 66, well known resident of Drain, died at his home Wednesday night, after a short illness.

He was born in Weston, Ore., July 20, 1875. He married Ruth Kitchman, at Council, Ida., January 10, 1910. For the past 23 years he had been a resident of the Drain vicinity, where he was engaged in farming.

He is survived by his widow, two daughters, and three sons, Mrs. Margaret L. Rossiter, Springfield, Ore.; Mrs. Venus C. Davis, Drain; Eugene H. Lakey, Paul D.

Lakey and Lewis F. Lakey, Drain; five brothers and a sister, John W. Lakey, Boise, Ida.; Lewis K. Lakey, Council, Ida.; Charles C. Lakey, Salem, Ore.; Jacob L. Lakey, Myrtle Point, Ore.; Andrew J. Lakey, Riggins, Ida.; and Mrs. Liddy I. Lindsey, Bend, Ore. Funeral services will be held in the Drain Christian church, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. F. Trimble officiating. Arrangements are in care of the Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

Vaughn Items

VAUGHN, Aug. 8.—(Special)—The Ladies' Independent club will have its regular business meeting

at the home of Mrs. Earl Johnson, Wednesday evening, Aug. 12.

Thursday afternoon, Aug. 14, there will be a shower for Mrs. Wayne Johnson at the home of Mrs. Paul Bosshardt.

Mrs. Amanda Clossner is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Marshall.

Miss Doris Marshall is visiting in Washington with relatives.

Mrs. Dorothy Weidner of Portland spent a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Simpson.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Miller of Creswell is visiting at the Earl Johnson home.

Johnson and daughter, Mary Lou, Mrs. V. J. Gillespie of Eugene, and Miss Elizabeth Ann Miller of Creswell spent Wednesday visiting with relatives on the McKenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tompkins received word from their son, Hershel, that he passed through Eugene Sunday on his way to Camp Lewis. He has been stationed in California.

Champ Red Cochrane Enlists With Tunney

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—(U.P.)—Welterweight Champion Freddie "Red" Cochrane held the distinction today of being the first fighter to enlist in the armed forces while still holding his title. Cochrane won the championship from Fritz Zivic only last week.

He received his selective service notification after the first and joined the navy yesterday to help Former Heavyweight Champion Gene Tunney in the navy's physical education program.

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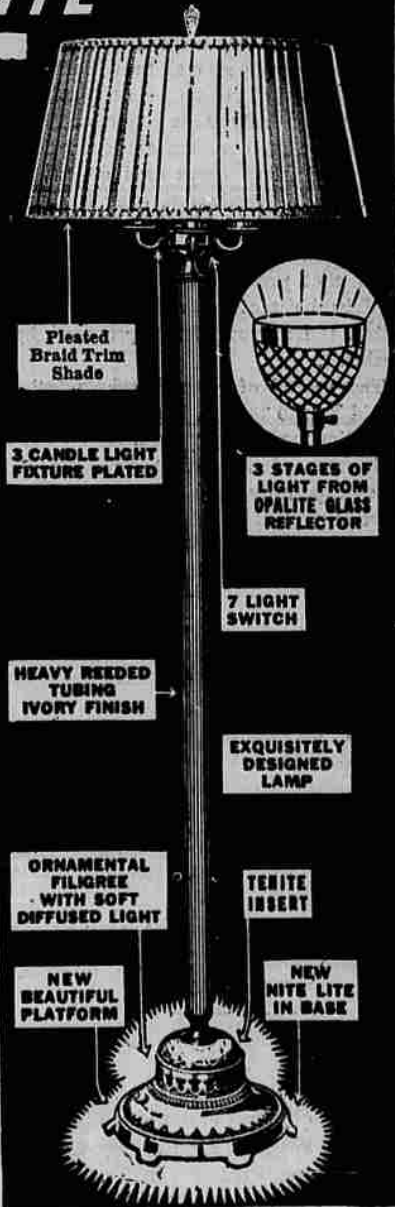
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