Meteor Season Open

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ave again come to that de- l season when the August s make the evening heav- eresting for all who have d the art of "looking up." discussion of the nature e mysterious little sky is in order at this time. int light glides swiftly the darkened heavens. We a falling star but it is such earance only. When visible to 80 miles above the surface. The nearest real star is 25 trillion (25,000,000,000,000) miles away. A little girl once asked me, "If we see a star shoot from the Big Dipper, will there after that always be one less star in the Dipper?" There will still be as many as ever, for the shooting star has nothing to do with the configuration of this well known star group.

On any clear night occasional meteors appear in any part of the heavens. These are particles of stone or metal from interplanetary space traveling at unbelievably great speeds and made luminous by friction with our atmosphere. Very few reach the earth excepting as ash.

At times these bodies come in greater numbers. They are named usually from the star groups out of which they seem to fly. They don't necessarily start in these groups, but imaginary lines drawn backward along their visible paths would, if extended still farther, run into the constellations. Thus we have the Lyrids of April, the Perseids of August, the Orionids of October, the Leonids of November, and the Geminids of December.

The Perseids appear in greatest numbers between August 10 and 13. This year the moonlight will interfere considerably with the visibility of the faint meteors, but the brighter ones will be easily seen. At the time of maximum, which cannot be determined too accurately, early morning observations often give counts as high as 60 or 70 per hour. Observers with excellent vision have at high elevations spotted 90 per hour.

For the best results the observer should seat himself on a reclining chair in a place as well hidden from artificial lights as possible and should keep his eyes constantly on the sky. If he walks around and casts his eyes upward only occasionally, he will see very few. Morning counts are higher than those of the evening, yet by 11 p.m. enough will be seen to be interesting if the rules are followed. An overhead view should be as good as any.

The term "meteor shower" is altogether misleading and causes great disappointment to many. The particles making up the meteors are thought to be debris from the disintegration of Tuttle's comet. They travel near the orbit of this comet. The earth comes to the place on its orbit which crosses the meteoric path in August.

Dull to Give Japan Lecture

Final browsing room speaker for the University of Oregon summer session is Dr. Paul S. Dull, associate of political science and history. An expert on the Far East, he will discuss "Grass Roots Politics in Japan" and his lecture will be illustrated with colored slides.

Dull's address will be in the Erb Memorial Union Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Dull spent 1952-53 in Japan doing research work under a Social Science Research grant from the Ford Foundation. He conducts classes in Oriental history and the Far Eastern Studies curriculum at the University.

MISTER BREGER

"How about one more for the road . . . ?"

Drunkenness Was Capitalist Invention

MOSCOW (AP)—The Communists have coined a new name for drunkenness—'the worst survival of the capitalist past." Temperance lecturers are going about saying heavy drinking "cannot be tolerated in our Socialist society."

The campaign against excessive drinking — especially among young workers in the city and collective farmers who indulge in illegal home-brewing — has been taken up by Pravda, the Communist party organ, by the Literary Gazette and other publications.

WORST SURVIVAL

The closing of drink-and-run street vodka stands, especially around the factories, had made it harder to get drunk in Moscow. But no full-scale prohibition appears intended.

Pravda recently took up the campaign against the "worst survival of the capitalist past—alcoholism" with a prominent report of a lecture on the subject given at the all-union society on spreading political and scientific knowledge.

AGAINST THE RULES

The lecturer said people who drink excessively "violate the rules of Socialist life, disorganize work, damage the interests of our society, poison the rest and culturdl life of workers, undermine family life, spread moral corruption." Not only that, they ruin their health and cause accidents.

Literary Gazette printed a complaining letter from a Donbas miner who charges that drinking among miners around Rutchenkovo in the Don basin is causing absenteeism, inefficient work and reduced production. He also blamed drinking for brawls in the mines.

PERFECTION LOSES

Quincy, Mass (AP)—George Denneen of North Quincy High School pitched a no-hit game, but his team lost, 1-0. Pitcher Ralph Morrison of Quincy High fanned 16 while tossing a one-hitter.

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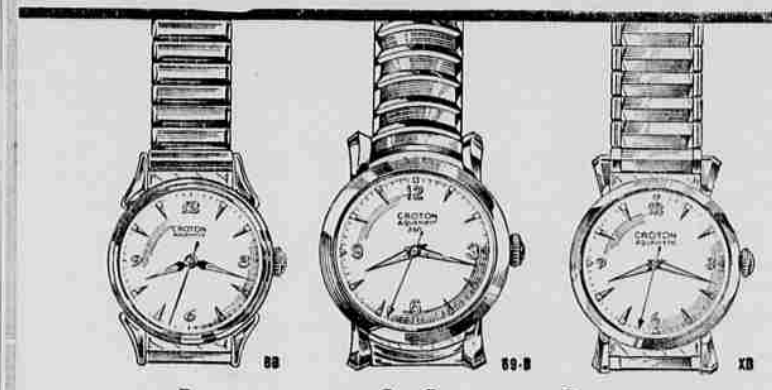

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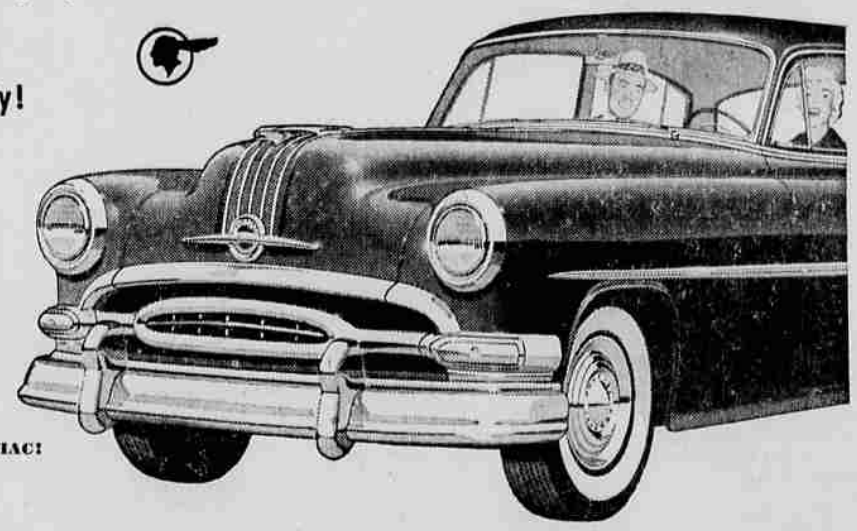

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