

Little Dipper Group Among Most Difficult to Find

By FAY VAN SCHOLACK
"I can always find the Big Dipper, but how do you locate the Little Dipper?" a worried Boy Scout wanted to know. A number of adults have asked this same question.

As the Little Dipper is regarded as one of the most difficult of all the constellations to discover, it is not surprising that the lad's efforts were fruitless. But do not be discouraged; by following directions carefully, you can probably locate this star group on the first attempt.

Clear Evenings
The clear evenings of spring and summer when the two Dippers ride high in the sky, furnish an excellent opportunity to find the elusive constellation variously known as the Little Dipper, Little Bear, and Ursa Minor.

Start with the Big Dipper, or Ursa Major. Imagine a line through the two stars in the front of the cup of the Big Dipper, opposite the handle, and extending away from the bottom of the cup. At 8 p.m. on May 1st, such a line will extend almost straight downward to a rather bright star. This is the North Star or Polaris, which is the last star in the handle of the Little Dipper.

Now follow a line of four stars curving slightly upward to the east of the North Star. The last star in this line will be the same brightness as the North Star and forms the outer star in the cup on the side opposite the handle.

At first you may only see Polaris (North Star) and the star to the east a little higher in the sky and of equal brightness, but with patience you will recognize three faintly dim stars between these two brighter stars.

Below Brighter Star
Just below the brighter star on the eastern end of this line is a star not quite so bright. The brighter star and the not-so-bright star form the side of the bowl opposite the handle, and are called "Guardians of the Pole."

Only three of the seven stars in Ursa Minor, or the Little Dipper, are easy to see. They are the North Star and the two stars that form the side of the cup opposite the handle. Knowing that the four dim stars lie between these brighter stars will aid greatly in locating the seven stars that outline this interesting sky picture.

... he traveled far,
The sun his guide by day,
And then by night a star...
In these lines the poet is probably referring to the North Star or Polaris, which since the beginning of time has guided the sailor at sea as well as the wayfarer in the desert. The Phoenicians, greatest travelers of the ancient world, discovered that Polaris seemed to stand still while the other stars revolved around it. Because of this, the Chinese called it the "Great Imperial Ruler of Heaven" and in

Aircraft Firm Wants Space Scientists

London — (U.P.) — A forward looking British aircraft firm advertised Saturday for space scientists and engineers "with upwards of 20 years of useful life ahead."

The advertisement, appearing in a British scientific journal, was believed the first genuine one of its kind.

The name of the firm was kept secret. But the project was believed to have government backing and involve production of manned space ships.

Private Sentenced For Knife Murder

Bremerhaven, Germany — (U.P.) — A 20-year-old American Army private was sentenced to life in prison Friday for the knife murder of another soldier.

Pvt. Anthony Koyce of Brooklyn, N.Y., was convicted of stabbing 29-year-old Pvt. Henry Traylor during a tavern brawl. Witnesses said Traylor started the fight and Koyce was on the floor when he pulled his knife.

The sentence is subject to review.



HONORED for adopting and rearing 11 children with her own family, Mrs. Jane Pritchard, Detroit, is named "American Mother of 1956" by American Mothers Committee, N. Y. (International)

Fielding Wright Dies in Mississippi

Jackson, Miss. — (U.P.) — Fielding L. Wright, former Mississippi governor and 1948 state's rights candidate for vice-president, died at his Jackson home Friday night shortly after he suffered a heart attack.

The mild-mannered attorney, one of the nation's staunchest states' rightsers who served almost two full terms as one of Mississippi's most conservative governors, would have celebrated his 61st birthday May 18.

The state and her highest officials were stunned by the unexpected death of the quiet-spoken governor who could plunge into heated oratory when discussing centralized government and the touchy civil rights issue.

American GI's Put Dye in Water Fountain

Kaiserslautern, Germany — (U.P.) — Military police said Saturday three American soldiers were responsible for the mysteriously changing color of the fountain in front of the city's staid Opera House.

The water turned deep green last Saturday, crimson on Tuesday and dark blue Wednesday. The third time was the charm. A German saw the three GI's throw something into the water just before it changed color. The MP's said it was dye.

Ratings of Participants in Music Program Listed

Several Jackson county music groups were among participants at Southern Oregon college recently in annual music program sponsored by the Southern Oregon Musical Education association.

Oscar C. Bjorlie, head of the SOC music department and chairman of the event, said more than 2,600 Oregon junior and high school music students participated in the event.

Ratings Listed
Receiving number one ratings were McLoughlin Junior High band, St. Mary's High chorus, Talent High band, Hedrick Junior band, Central Junior High band, Jacksonville High band, Medford Junior High orchestra, Klamath High boy's chorus, Brookings-Harbor girls' chorus, Douglas High chorus, Malin High band, Myrtle Creek High band, Medford High orchestra, Roseburg High band, Klamath

High orchestra, Medford High choir, Klamath High choir, Eugene High band, Klamath High band, and Medford High band. Number two ratings went to Henley High band, Crater High band, Medford High boy's chorus, Medford High girl's chorus, Crater High chorus, Fruitdale grade chorus, Eagle Point High band, Douglas High band, and North Josephine county grade band.

Number three ratings were awarded Jacksonville Junior High chorus, Phoenix High girl's chorus, Rogue River High band, Illinois Valley High chorus, Jacksonville High chorus, Myrtle Creek High chorus, Brookings-Harbor High band, Lakeview High concert band, and Illinois Valley High band. Judges were Sam Smith, Clark college; Charles W. Lawrence, University of Washington; R. B. Walls, Oregon State college; Frank Arnard, Tacoma public schools; Dan Backman, Humboldt State college; and Dr. William Swettman, Salem.



SUSPICIOUS OF CAMERAMAN, Mama Hippo wraps cavernous mouth around newborn baby at Copenhagen zoo. Note how animal's eye is fixed on camera. (International)

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Governor Names Delegates For Traffic Safety Confab

Salem — (U.P.) — Twenty-three leaders in Oregon business, agriculture, labor and communications were named Saturday by Gov. Elmo Smith along with several public officials as delegates to the western regional conference of the president's committee for traffic safety.

The conference, which follows up the 1954 White House conference on highway safety, will be held in San Francisco May 31 and June 1.

Named delegates from their respective fields were:
Agriculture — Harley Libby, president, farmers union, Jefferson; Elmer McClure, master, Oregon State Grange, Portland; Gerald Detering, president, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, Harrisburg; Eddie Ahrens, Turn-

Business — E. C. Sammons, president, U. S. National bank, Portland; C. B. Stephenson, president, First National Bank of Portland Warren A. McMinn, Tillamook.

Federal Agents Crack Down on Narcotics

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Police and federal agents turned Pittsburgh and four other cities in Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio upside down Friday night and Saturday in one of the largest narcotics crackdowns of recent months.

Officers working with military-like precision here and in New York City, Steubenville, and Bellaire, Ohio, and Clairton, Pa., arrested at least 138 persons, 38 of whom were charged as peddlers.

Some 100 persons were arrested in Pittsburgh, 21 in Clairton, 15 in Steubenville, one each in New York and Bellaire.

PROPAGANDA COST
Buenos Aires — (U.P.) — The Peron dictatorship spent \$23,500,000 in six years for propaganda distributed through a press office modeled on the Nazi propaganda machine, the revolutionary government said Friday.

Labor — John H. Deines, secretary, Drivers No. 220, Sanitary Trucks, Portland; James T. Marr, executive secretary-treasurer, Oregon Federation of Labor, Portland.
Media — Robert C. Notson, managing editor, The Oregonian; Arden X. Pangborn, editor, Oregon Journal; Charles A. Sprague, editor, Statesman, Salem.
Organizations — Ivan Congleton, president, Oregon State Junior Chamber of Commerce, Portland; Harry M. Wood, chancellor, Knights of Pythias, Portland.
Officials — H. G. Maison, superintendent, Oregon state police, Salem; R. H. Baldock, chief engineer, State Highway Department; Capt. Walter Lansing, director, Traffic Safety Division; George Sirnio, director, health and physical education, State Department of Education; John C. Kerrick, manager, driver's license division, secretary of state's office; and Don C. Wilson, municipal judge, Corvallis.
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