

Hercules Constellation Is Visible in Northern Sky

By **FAY VAN SCHOIACK**
Try to imagine an infant in the cradle strong enough to destroy two huge serpents. Thus did Hercules, son of Jupiter, king of the ancient gods, begin a life of great physical prowess and successful adventures.

Juno, wife of Jupiter but not the mother of Hercules, tried in every way possible to bring about the lad's destruction. It was she who sent the serpents to destroy Hercules and his twin brother while they slept. Seizing a snake in each hand, Hercules choked them to death.

Shows Wisdom
Hercules developed into a splendid young man with great physical strength and intelligence, who showed his wisdom by choosing to follow Virtue and win immortality though Luxury tempted him with all the joys and pleasures of life. In spite of all this, the constant enmity of Juno caused him untold anguish and suffering.

"What can I do to escape the wrath of Juno?" he asked the priestess at the sacred cavern. "Journey to Mycenae and per-

form the tasks which King Eurystheus will assign to you," she answered. This brave young man obeyed her command and was assigned the gigantic undertaking known as the Twelve Labors of Hercules.

He was successively ordered to destroy the Nemean Lion; slay the nine-headed beast called the Hydra; capture and bring in the wild stag from the hills of Geryon; bring in the Erymanthian Boar; catch the stag sacred to Diana; slay the Stymphalian Birds; kill the Cretan Bull; tame the wild horse of Diomedes; steal a thousand oxen from King Geryon's herd; obtain some golden apples from the tree of Hesperides; bring the three-headed dog, Cerberus, back from the realm of Pluto; and clean the Augean Stables, which sheltered 12,000 oxen every night and had not been cleaned for thirty years. Hercules, by diverting the course of a river, cleansed the stables in one day.

Accomplishments
The accomplishment of all these assignments removed the enmity of Juno, but aroused the

jealousy of his wife, who soaked his garments with poison, causing him to die an agonizing death. Jupiter then placed him in the heavens as a constellation.

Hercules is a large star picture but not a conspicuous one due to the fact that it contains no stars of the first and second magnitudes. Four stars that outline a "wastebasket" or trapezium represent the body. Above and below the "wastebasket" are stars which form the arms and legs.

This star group lies between the bright orange-yellow star, Arcturus, high in the southeast, and sparkling Vega, low in the northeast. Remember, that to find Arcturus, you begin with the last star in the handle of the Big Dipper and follow an imaginary line curving slightly downward and to the right till you come to a bright orange-yellow star.

A straight line downward and to the northeast will reach blue-white scintillating Vega. Hercules lies between these two bright stars. The line mentioned above will cross the "wastebasket" which forms the body of this famous giant. Extending outward from each of the four stars in the body are stars (seven in all) that represent the arms

Inland Sea With Canal
Maracaibo, Venezuela—(U.P.)—Lake Maracaibo, a 5,000-square-mile fresh water body, became an inland sea Friday with the opening of a channel linking it with the Gulf of Venezuela in the Caribbean.

Completion of the \$53 million project permits seagoing vessels free passage to the lake. A 600-foot-wide, 35-foot-deep channel was dug across a sand bar which formerly prevented passage.

and legs of this famous character.

On the western or right side of Hercules' body is a faint hazy patch, barely visible to the naked eye, which proves to be one of the beauty spots of the celestial sphere when photographed with a large telescope. This is one of the 100 "globular" star clusters found in our galaxy and is the finest example of its kind.

"It is a huge ball of stars, forty thousand of which can be distinguished on photographs of the cluster," say the astronomers.

Queerly enough, the same stars that form a kneeling giant are also called "The Butterfly," and it is not at all difficult to trace the outline of that insect in the fourteen stars of this sky figure!

High School News Notes

By **NELLIE RAWLINGS**

The first words heard Monday morning were, "The Craters are here!" Students waited anxiously for the announcements second period. The Craters had arrived, and would be passed out at the end of the seventh period. The theme of this year's Crater was "The Puzzle." Everything in the book centered around this theme.

Teachers had a time keeping the students' minds on their work, especially as blue annuals floated around the room for signatures. Finally, the Craters were not allowed to be signed during classtime, and students resorted to before and after-school signing.

The climax of the school year brings many events. First and most important are the finals, some of which were given Thursday and Friday. The rest will be given Monday.

The seniors are busy practicing for baccalaureate and graduation. Baccalaureate services will be held in the auditorium this evening. The following Friday night, the commencement exercises will be held. All seniors are keeping their fingers crossed for nice weather, as it will determine whether or not the exercises will be held at the high school stadium.

If it is impossible to hold commencement outside, it will be at Hedrick Junior High school, due to the limited amount of seating space at the high school.

Junior Tri-Hi-Y sponsored a dance at the "Y" Saturday night. Students all wore black and white colors to match the black and white theme of the affair.

WINS TITLE
Stockholm, Sweden—(U.P.)—German Actress Margit Nuenke of Cologne won the 1956 Miss Europe title Friday night.

CHIN-UP CLUB MEET
Portland—(U.P.)—Annual convention of Chin-Up Clubs will be held here June 8 and 10 at the First Christian Church. Gov. Elmo Smith will address the group at a Saturday night banquet climaxed the two-day affair.

TOTS BEGINNERS SWIMMING CLASSES

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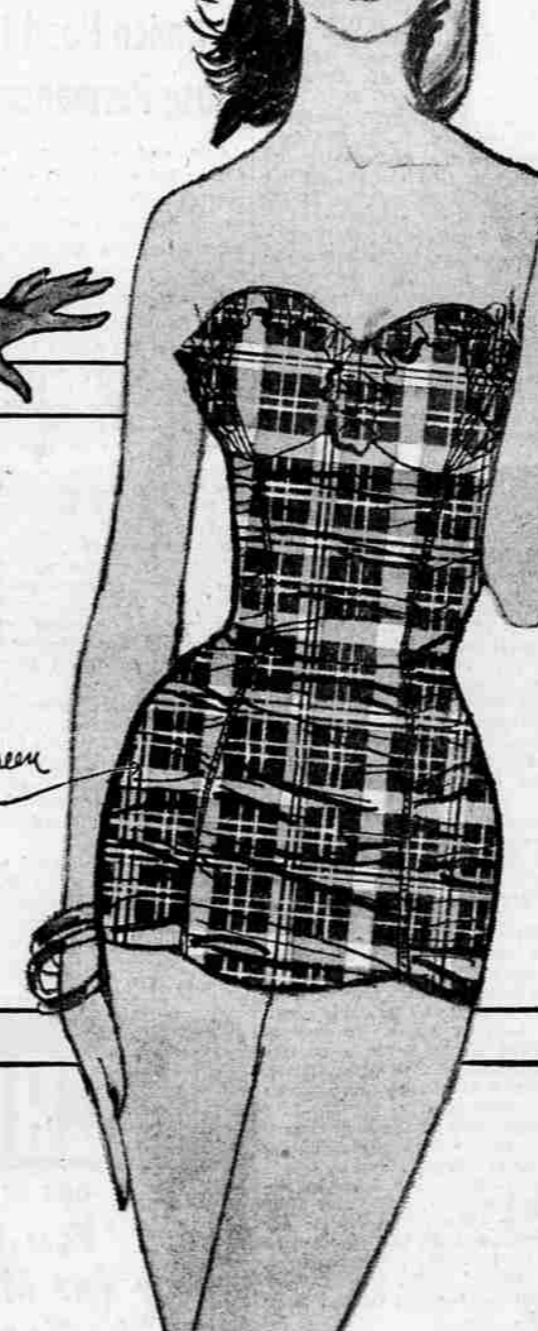
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