

News About Books From the Library

Thousands of Medford residents will be taking vacations—both week-end trips and extended tours—during the next few weeks.

According to Medford Librarian Helen Webster, tips on all aspects of travel are available in books and pamphlets at the Medford Public Library.

"Books can help you decide where to go, how to travel, and what to see and do when you get there," she said.

Most in U.S.
The great majority of persons will be traveling in the United States. The "American Guide Series" contains some of the most complete travel guide information to this country. The individual books in the series give a tremendous amount of information about every state and city, recreation areas, and historical points of interest.

Photographs of all sections of the United States can be found in the recently published book, "Around the U.S.A. In 1,000 Pictures." Another outstanding collection of photographs of the United States is "The U.S.A. In Color," published by Holiday magazine. The pictures concentrate on U.S. vacationlands, and could be of help in deciding where to go. Another book portraying the beauty of America is "Fair Is Our Land." In brilliant

etchings and photographs, a peaceful America is portrayed.

Individual books are available at the library on most of the states and many of the larger cities in the country.

About Parks
Information is plentiful on the country's national parks, lakes, and other scenic places. Also recommended to vacationers are the "American Folkways," and "Rivers of America" series. Of a little different nature is "The Handbook of Wilderness Travel," by George and Iris Wells. Recently published, it presents a nextensive and appreciative survey of remaining wildernesses in our country and the paths that penetrate them.

For persons who will be going to Europe, there are such books as "All the Best in Europe," by Sydney Clark and Harvey Olson's "Aboard and Abroad," which cover every phase of the trip. Guides can also be obtained on travel in other parts of the world.

In addition, the library has travel magazines such as Holiday, National Geographic, Travel, Sunset, Arizona Highways and others. All of the above books can be obtained at the Medford Public Library and any branch of the Jackson County Library system.

Earth Is Passing Belt of Meteors This Week End

By FAY VAN SCHOIACK

"A stone fell from the sky? Ridiculous! I would sooner believe the scientists would lie," Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States, is reported to have remarked when told that meteorites were pieces of solid material or rocks that fell from outer space to the earth.

However, scientists have proved that solid metal bodies of all shapes and sizes are drawn into the earth's atmosphere by the gravitational pull of our planet. Also that great numbers of those meteors or "shooting stars" are constantly entering the air, and at certain times earth-dwellers are privileged to experience meteor showers.

Crosses Meteor Belt
Because the earth crosses a meteor belt between Aug. 9 and 12 each year, this month is especially rich in "falling stars."

"What is a meteor belt?" someone may wonder. As we all know the planets travel around the sun in very nearly circular orbits. Also traveling around the sun are countless numbers of small, solid particles, each in its own path or orbit, composing an endless chain something like a conveyor moving ceaselessly around the sun. This path of moving particles is called a meteor belt.

"What is the cause of a meteor shower?" is another common question.

The orbits of the meteoric particles are very elliptical or cigar-shaped while the planets follow paths that are almost round and not on the same plane or level as the paths followed by the small solid bodies. As a result, our planet in making its yearly revolution around Old Sol, crosses several of these belts, and some of the particles or stones, attracted by the earth's gravitational pull, come speeding through the atmosphere.

The orbits of the meteor belts are larger than the orbit of the earth, so the earth crosses the belt at different points each year. Then, too, the particles are not evenly distributed, but are much denser in some spots than in others. If the earth crosses the meteor belt where the particles are crowded close

ly together, a meteor shower results.

"How did the name shooting star originate?" students often ask.

The rapid air journey of the meteor develops friction, strips tiny particles from the solid body and heats them white-hot. To earth-observers a star appears to dash across the sky. Hence, the name "shooting star" or "falling star."

The Perseid meteors, so-called because they appear to emanate from the constellation, Perseus, fall between Aug. 9 and 12 each year. Due to gaps in the meteoric belt, the display some years is scarcely worthy of the name. However, a maximum display occurs every 120 years. Star gazers had the opportunity of witnessing this in 1932.

This year we may expect to see from 40 to 50 meteors per hour wing their brief flight across the heavens if observations are made at a favorable time. This will be in the hour just before dawn on or near Aug. 12, and away from any type of bright lights, but they will be visible in lesser numbers any time during the hours of darkness.

Manufacturing Plant Slated in Shady Cove

Shady Cove—A manufacturing plant for the construction of prefabricated houses is going to be constructed soon in the Shady Cove area by the Azna Construction company.

The houses, also known as modular panel houses, will be in four, eight and 12 foot sections which can be arranged to almost any plan desired by the builder. The exterior can be erected in about three or four days with windows, doors and siding.

The interiors can be completed in the conventional mode with either dry wall or plaster after the electrical and plumbing work has been done.

The period of time required to erect the exterior will make it possible to keep working all during the winter with the outside being raised during the brief periods of good weather and work done on the interiors during the inclement weather.

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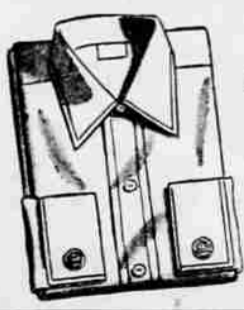


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