

It's Time For Meteor Show; Gaze Toward Northeast Sky

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Tomorrow night when the party wanes or the TV set grows dull and dim, you might take a walk outside, sit on the lawn and gaze toward the northeast.

You will see, if clouds or lights don't fog your view, the most spectacular meteor display provided each year — the Perseid meteors.

The display will last through Tuesday, and there's no charge. But the earlier the better; as the days progress, the moon, jealous of its heavenly rating, will get brighter and brighter in an attempt to block out those pesky meteors. It will partially succeed.

The meteors are so called because they center in the constellation Perseus, named after a Greek hero, who because of family misunderstandings and the workings of certain cranes killed the Gorgon Medusa. It all had a happy, if confused, ending, however.

Anyway, Perseus is somewhat hard to find because it doesn't look anything like a Greek hero. Close by, though, is Cassiopea, who, though supposed to be a woman, looks amazingly like the letter "W" and is therefore easily identifiable.

Six-a-Night Pace

On a normal night if you lie on

your back and gaze at the sky you will see two to six meteors an hour flash by. (These are also known as shooting stars. Some people call them meteorites, but a meteorite is a meteor which somehow happens to penetrate our atmosphere and hit the ground. Few do.)

But from Friday to Tuesday you will see up to 50 flashes an hour, especially after midnight.

The show is provided by a countless number of tiny stones—5,000 of them weigh an ounce. They are believed to be the remains of a long lost comet, and they revolve around the sun.

Each Summer about this time the orbit of the meteors comes in contact with the earth's orbit, and a few whiz into our atmosphere and are burned up. Those are the flashes.

They start burning at about 60 miles above ground and are entirely consumed when they reach the 35-mile mark.

As meteors go, they are hot rodders, traveling at some 40 miles per second, compared with a mere seven miles per second with some slower-moving bodies. This high speed explains why they are so bright compared with meteors which are much larger. The burning temperature is about 4,000 degrees.

Though the Perseid shower has been with mankind for number-

less years, strangely, few legends have grown up about them.

Irish peasants called them Tears of St. Lawrence, since that Saint's feast day fell on August 10. Other than that, the human race, which may shudder at omens and scream at eclipses, seems relatively unconcerned.

Space Travel Hazard
It's good to know when they're coming, though, because, according to Dr. I. M. Levitt, head of the Fels Planetarium in Philadelphia, they would constitute a definite hazard to space travel.

A space ship going through them would be literally sand blasted; so if you're planning a trip to Venus or thereabouts, better delay it till late next week.

The second largest meteor display, the Leonid meteors, each year takes place in mid-November. And, up to 1886, every 33 years not 50 but tens of thousands were visible each hour. As a matter of fact in 1833 the display was so brilliant in Alabama that the phrase "stars fell on Alabama" which much later became the title for a popular song, was introduced.

But, alas, in 1899 and 1932 the spectacle faded close to the yearly Leonid average of 15 per hour. There is some hope that Leonid's stature can be regained in 1965, but until then August Perseus will hold top honors.

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Justice Brennan: Liberal From New Jersey

Influences Nation's High Court

By John Kolesar
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Justice William J. Brennan Jr. of Rumson, who has finished his sixth session on the United States Supreme Court, is already assured of a top spot in New Jersey's history.

In fact, Brennan gives promise of making a strong mark on the nation's judicial history. And much of that accomplishment stems from the fact Brennan has exported to Washington some of the things he learned in New Jersey.

New Jersey is generally rated a "liberal" state in such things as racial integration, individual liberty and court procedure. In all of these fields, Brennan stands with the Supreme Court's "liberal" wing.

Some students of the High Court credit Brennan with turning the tide of court decisions toward the liberal side starting in 1956, when he took his seat on the U. S. Supreme Court.

Involved In Controversy
For a gentle, courteous man such as Brennan, serving on a remote, cloistered body such as the Supreme Court, there has been a remarkable amount of controversy in his High Court career.

The controversy started soon after Brennan's surprise nomination to the court six years ago. Up jumped Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., with the

charge that Brennan was unfit to serve on the court. This was within the New Jersey tradition of the day, which saw the State produce many targets for the late Senator.

McCarthy was mostly angry about a couple of speeches Brennan had made on the Fifth Amendment, but he was alone in his opposition to the appointment when the senate voted for confirmation.

There was some other contemporary criticism of Brennan's appointment. Some anti-Catholics did not like the fact he was a Catholic. And some Catholics did not like it when Brennan told a Senate committee that no obligation of his faith was superior to his oath of office.

Bill of Rights Defender
Since joining the court, Brennan has become one of the staunchest judicial defenders of the Fifth Amendment and the other nine amendments that make up the Bill of Rights.

He is now the court spokesman on obscenity cases, having written the landmark decisions of recent years. On cases involving religion there has been no evidence of any pro-Catholic bias—he joined the majority in knocking out a New York school prayer and dissented when the court ruled Sunday blue laws do not violate the rights of orthodox Jews.

The importance of Brennan's



Justice Brennan

appointment to the court became apparent as early as June 3, 1957. On that day he delivered two important majority opinions that stirred up a lot of grumbling around the nation and even gave the stock market a bad time for a day or two.

In one decision, he ruled E. I. DuPont de Nemours and Co. would have to rid itself of its ownership of General Motors Corp. stock.

'Discovery' Advocate
In the second, he ruled that defense attorneys must be shown any FBI documents used in questioning witnesses in a trial. While this decision — now fa-

mous as the Jencks case — stirred up strong criticism from anti-communist leaders, it was hardly surprising in view of Brennan's background in the New Jersey court system. He was one of the state's strongest advocates of "discovery" — the pre-trial disclosure of what each side in a trial had up its sleeve.

While Brennan frequently lines up with three other liberal justices on the court — Chief Justice Earl Warren and Justices Hugo Black and William O. Douglas — he generally does it without their sweeping pronouncements. The others are more willing to rule laws unconstitutional. Brennan will often get the same result merely by holding that faulty procedure was used.

Though Brennan plays a key role on the court, most students of the court say he has not laid down any general theory to outline his position. While Black wishes to apply the Bill of Rights in its entirety to the states and Justice Felix Frankfurter believes courts should seldom overrule legislatures, Brennan seems to take each case on its own.

'Massive Common Sense'
"Massive common sense" is the way one student of the court describes Brennan's method. Most of this deep involvement in the nation's legal tides would have been impossible to predict as late as 1948, when Brennan was a partner in one of the

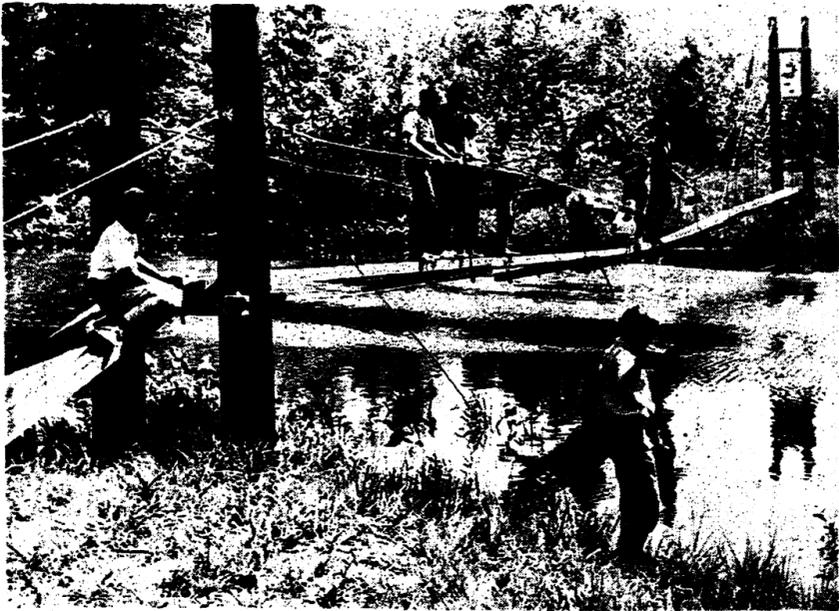
state's leading law firms, handling lucrative but quiet corporation affairs completely out of the public eye.

But the following eight years saw Brennan stage a meteoric rise in judicial circles, all of it due to Republican chief executives — an ironic fact considering he is the son of an Irish immigrant who became a labor union leader and Democratic city commissioner in Newark. Brennan himself never held any public office until 1948 and was inactive politically.

He became a judge that year, when former Republican Governor Alfred E. Driscoll named him to the newly created Superior Court. In less than two years, Brennan was serving on the Appellate Division, the state's second highest court. And two years later he was on the State Supreme Court, again through appointment by Driscoll.

Then President Eisenhower made the surprise appointment of Brennan to the U. S. Court in 1956. Since Brennan was the junior member of the state court and a Democrat to boot, many Republicans were disappointed, to say the least.

Now 56, Brennan has a prospect of long service ahead of him on the Supreme Court. The writers in legal journals expect him to continue arriving at liberal conclusions through the use of conservative reasoning.



The boys claim this is the best fishing hole in the John A. Roehling Memorial Park, though they appear not to have caught anything this day.

Facilities For Picnicker, Camper, Sportsman

County Has Lovely, Unspoiled Parks

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Ever since the first Thanksgiving was held under the trees on wooden tables, picnicking has been an American institution.

Every sky-blue day, from mid-June until late in September, finds the roads and byways crowded with families and young couples heading for the nearest picnic ground to enjoy a pleasant day with nature, while fighting the ants, flies and other small bugs and animals that go along with a good picnic.

Up until a few short years ago it was still possible to go out into the country, along the East Coast, and find a picnic spot without much difficulty, but as the towns and cities pushed closer and closer together, good picnic sites became as hard to find as a newspaper without advertising.

System Being Developed

We need not worry too much about the diminishing picnic areas here in Mercer County. The County Recreation Department, under the guidance of Freeholder Richard J. Coffey and Director Vincent Girard, is taking steps to develop a system of parks and picnic grounds throughout the county.

Back in 1938, when the Board of Freeholders became aware of the growing shortage of county lands, the Department of Recreation was organized.

The Department has not geared its program only to the picnicker. In laying out the system of development, it has kept in mind the fisherman, skater,

skier, camper and nature lover. There are spots for all at the county parks.

Roehling Park Beautiful
One of the spots that supplies a number of people with a beautiful recreation site is the John A. Roehling Memorial Park in Hamilton Township.

The park, covering an area of 273 acres, was opened by the county in October 1960. Before that time, it was owned by the Broad Street Park Civic Association, which donated the land to the county.

There are two lakes on the park grounds. The upper lake is spring fed, while the lower is tidal water from the Delaware River. Fishing in the lower lake has been good for the past few years, with large and small-mouth bass and pike being taken from it.

Picnic Area Provided

A new development this year is a picnic area on the edge of the lower lake near the main fishing hole. This way mom can take the kids out for a picnic, and dad still gets a chance to

wet a hook, and maybe catch part, if not all, of the evening meal.

According to Girard, the deepest point in either of the two lakes is two feet, six inches. In the winter, when the heavy water growth drops back below the surface, the lakes give skaters a place to cut their figure eights.

The upper lake can be reached from Sewell Avenue, and the lower from Park Avenue. Plans call for a park road that will connect both the lakes and en-

trances. Some work has already been undertaken on the road.

The park grounds include the old Watson House, reported to be one of the oldest buildings in Mercer County. The house was constructed in 1708, and sits on the bluffs overlooking the lakes.

At one time the park was known as the White City Park, and was an amusement center from about the turn of the century until World War I. All of the park will not be used for recreation purposes. A good deal of its wooded and marshy acreage has been set aside as a wildlife preserve and bird sanctuary.

The area has long been known by naturalists as one of the best preserves in this part of the country. In 1950, a member of the Trenton Naturalist Club counted 105 different types of birds in the area in one day.

Camper's Paradise

While the John A. Roehling Memorial Park takes care of many of the county's picnickers, fishermen and skaters, Cedarbliss, located in Hopewell Township, just behind the Washington Crossing State Park, gives the camper a natural paradise for outdoor living.

This seven-acre camp site was donated to the county by Dr. Emil Frankel, retired chief statistician of the Department of Institutions and Agencies, in 1958. Since that time the area, used only as a camping ground for organized groups, has had a banner life.

The Girl Scouts use it two weeks every Summer as a day camp and overnight site. Also, the Boy Scouts use it for overnight camping year-around. Other organized groups can use the area by making reservations through the Recreation Department.

A small area in the center of the grounds is set up as a camping headquarters with what was an attractive lodge until vandals paid a midnight visit to the tune of more than \$1,500 worth of damages. Around the lodge are several picnic tables, outdoor grills and a pump. The remainder of the area is rolling wood land.

To help attract more birds to the area, bird feeders and houses, supplied by the Mercer County Youth House, have been placed in many of the trees.

Just as at Roehling, much of Cedarbliss remains attuned to nature.

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Million-Dollar Project

Princeton Hospital Expansion Starts

A million-dollar expansion program has been announced for Princeton Hospital by John H. Wallace Jr., president of the Board of Trustees.

Plans cover six areas considered top priority by the Master Planning Committee: the maternity, pediatrics, laboratory and X-ray departments, dietary facilities, laundry and other service areas.

Tower Construction Company, low bidder of four local firms, was awarded the contract and work will begin immediately.

"The changes will create some major inconveniences for the community for the time being," Wallace said, "but we hope that patients and their families will bear with us since the work will make for substantial improvements in so many areas."

Plan Intensive Care
Among the improvements will be the establishment of a 10-bed intensive care unit. This will provide concentrated nursing care and emergency equipment for critically ill patients.

Expansion planned for the maternity department will include rooming-in arrangements for all types of accommodations. There will also be three private labor rooms, one of which can accommodate two patients.

Plans include remodeling and enlarging the pediatrics area; enlargement and modernization of the laboratory and X-ray departments; and expansion of the dietary and service areas.

Two nursing units will be closed while the work is under way.

Drew Master Plan

The hospital held a symposium in 1960 to project needs for the next decade. A master planning committee was organized, drawn from trustees, medical staff and administration, in conjunction with the architectural firm of York and Sawyer.

A comprehensive master plan, completed in 1961, set up a three-part expansion program. The proposed first stage would have entailed a cost of about \$1,750,000. The announced plans represent an alternative to Stage I, which the trustees feel would result in minimal increase in operating costs.

"While not as extensive as Stage I," Wallace said, "the alterations now being undertaken will do much for the major areas in critical need of improvement."

Youth Concert

Slated Sunday

At Cadwalader

The third Youth Concert sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Division this season will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Cadwalader Park band shell.

It will be given by the Trenton Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Albert W. Wasel, director of music of the Trenton Public Schools.

The program will feature such works as "Syncopeated Clock" by Anderson, "Waltz from 'Masquerade Suite'" by Khachatryan, "Serenade" from "La Media Noche" by Stoessel, and others.

Wasell is a graduate of Colby College and Tufts University, and has also studied music at New York University and the Mozarteum Conservatory in Salzburg, Austria.



The newest thing in medicine . . . a flying physiotherapist.

He Weekends In Hyannisport, But Not To Watch Kennedys

By E. Winfield Johnson
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With bachelor doctors, mystery sleuths and lawyers depicted as living high these days in the television serials, Trenton has come up with a 27-year-old bachelor physiotherapist who does pretty well, too.

Every Saturday Ernest J. Berrisford climbs into his own Ercoupe at Mercer Airport and takes off for Hyannisport, Mass., where he treats a patient for several hours on Saturday and Sunday, lounges the rest of the time and comes back home Sunday evening, just in time for a good night's sleep before reporting to St. Francis Hospital Monday morning.

He doesn't treat the President, whose family has a group of homes in that community of giant Cape Cods, but is required to give treatment to a Trenton resident away on Summer vacation, a block away from the Hyannisport Kennedy compound.

Therapist Berrisford doesn't care to say how much money a weekend jaunt like this is worth, but it certainly costs the patient slightly more than the routine house call.

Berrisford's two-seater, low-wing flying coupe does about 110 mph, if there is no head wind. "With the head wind I don't even best the cars," he says.

In such cases he drives to the Newark Airport, takes a commercial flight to Providence and charts a hop to Hyannisport.

He took time out from his staff

work at Trenton's St. Francis Hospital to report that things at Hyannisport stay pretty busy, even though President Kennedy isn't there.

To get to his patient's house, he says, he has to buck crowds of sightseers and police, who are on every corner and who want to see the proper green sticker on a car before letting you in the Kennedy area.

Berrisford reports that the President's father is using his son's house for the Summer, where a new swimming pool is being installed, with a plastic bubble top to it.

When JFK is there, says the young therapist, he and Jackie can be seen at six minutes before 10 a.m. every Sunday morning, driving out of the compound behind a car full of police, heading for church. Another car full of Secret Service agents follows them.

Berrisford doesn't go to church with them, he says, because of the press of about 600 persons who each week try to crowd in to the small church there.

From the second floor of his patient's home, he sees the Kennedys sometimes, when they all come home to go swimming and water skiing along the Kennedy jetty.

But he does not go to Hyannisport just for sightseeing. He goes to work.

A physical therapist, or physiotherapist, is the man who uses heat, light, electricity, whirlpool baths, ultrasonics and just plain old massages on

muscles and joints to relieve the stiffness from arthritis, bursitis, polio (which is becoming rare, he says), low back strains, and nearly any other joint or muscle soreness you can name down to wrenched knees and sprained ankles.

A graduate of Ithaca College, New York, Berrisford practiced in eight New York City hospitals before coming to St. Francis, and he is licensed in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, besides practicing in New Jersey.

Unlike the young professionals of television, who dart around in airplanes and motorboats to make their livings, Berrisford does not occupy an expensive bachelor penthouse or waterfront cottage built of glass brick and fireplaces. Instead, he lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest O. Berrisford at 1320 Cornell Avenue.

He is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association of America, of the New Jersey Pilots Association, and is a Flying Shriner of Trenton's Crescent Temple.

Although he is not engaged and seems to enjoy his bachelor existence, he admits giving up a \$200-plus fee recently to keep a local date. Add dinner and theater costs, and that's an expensive date.

Who knows, maybe a television station will come to Trenton, and we'll soon be watching each Friday night the weekly story of "Berrisford—The Flying Physiotherapist."

Camden County College Vote Set

CAMDEN — AP — Camden County voters in the November 6 election will be asked to vote on an advisory referendum calling for construction of a \$2 million community college.

State Sen. Joseph Cowgill, Democrat - Camden, minority leader of the upper house, said yesterday the Board of Freeholders has authorized preparation of the referendum to be submitted for their approval next Tuesday.

The freeholders will not be bound by any decision the voters make Election Day. The referendum is merely to test public opinion on the project before official action is taken.