

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 November 1963		2. LOCATION New Paltz, N.Y.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/0905Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilains			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White smoke like streak breaking into 300-400 pieces. Particles travelled through sky in V formation. Resembled ECHO or SPUTNIK. Dull faint sound of explosion. Speed estimated too fast for a/c. Observation duration 5 minutes. Estimated altitude above 50,000ft. Initial observation at 70 deg in South. Disappearing 10 deg elev in East.				11. COMMENTS No decay for 18 Nov. Evaluated as Meteor. Much conflicting data. Assume narrative of sat speed in excess of a/c indicates motion. Rather than duration (Is correct)	

Wooten, and Larry Smith together saw 26 Leonids and 20 sporadics from Florala, Alabama. The next morning a three-hour watch began at midnight, with 30 Leonids and 36 other meteors logged by the first two observers.

Carl McLelland, Jr., and Robert La Pierre watched on the night of November 16-17 from 9:00 p.m., Pacific standard time, until dawn. During this interval these Whittier, California, amateurs counted 178 meteors.

At Wooster, Ohio, William Werner and nine other members of the Wayne County Astronomical Society recorded 70 meteors during 3½ hours, beginning at 9:10 p.m. CST.

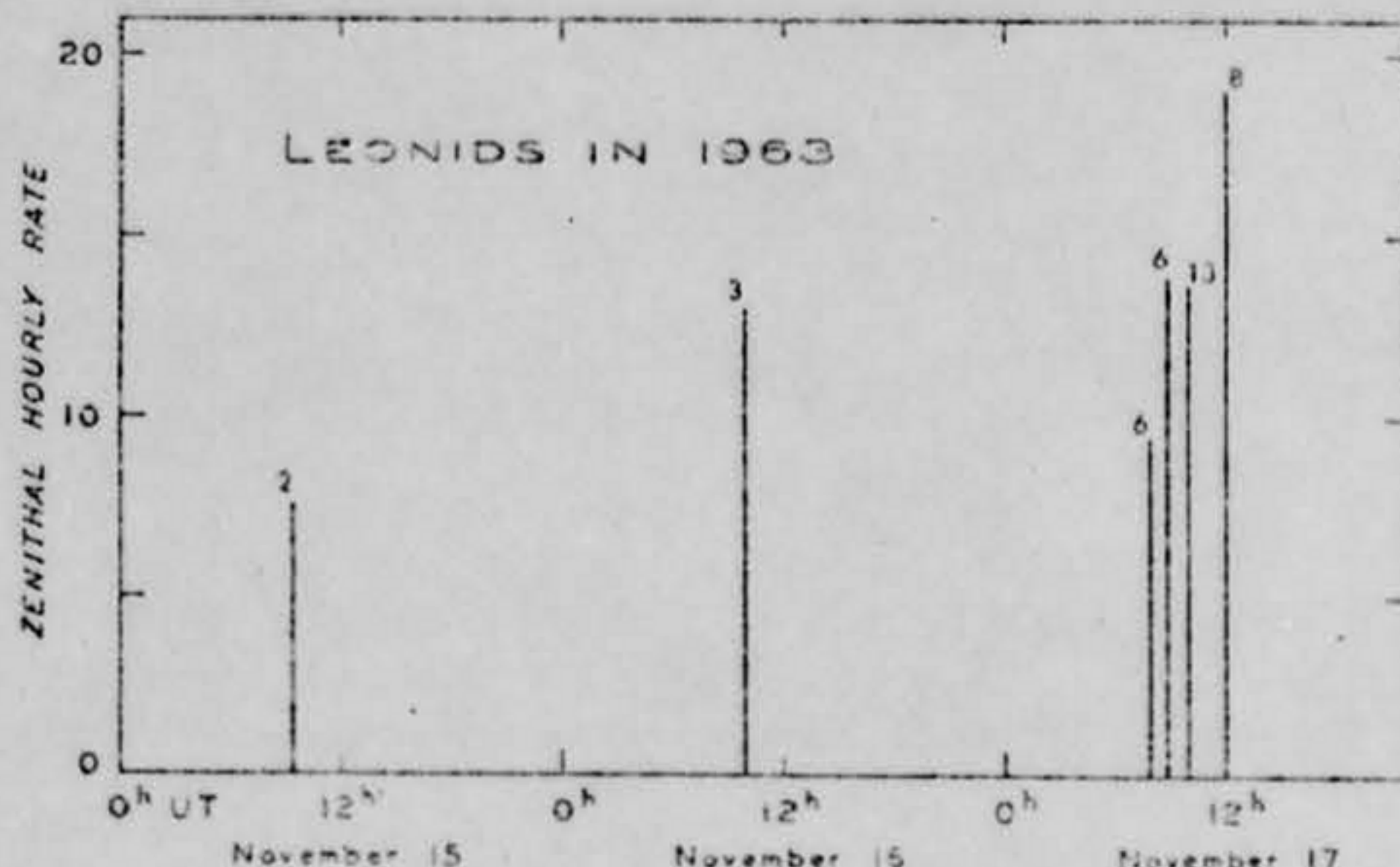
The number of Leonids an observer will count is larger the higher the radiant point is above the horizon. If the radiant were directly overhead, he could ex-

pect 10 percent more meteors than for an altitude of 60°, 30 percent more than at 45°, and 71 percent more than at 30°.

To make the tabulated counts of Leonids comparable, they must first be reduced to hourly rates, and then converted to zenithal rates. Counts made when the constellation Leo is too near the horizon cannot be safely converted.

Corrected rates, corresponding to the number of meteors that a single observer would see with the radiant in the zenith, are presented in this diagram. For simplicity, simultaneous data have been averaged. Note how the zenithal hourly rate climbed gradually to about 19 by 12^h UT on November 17th. No SKY AND TELESCOPE readers reported appropriate data for the following night, so it is uncertain from this sample just when peak activity of the meteor shower actually occurred.

The increase in richness of the Leonid shower during November 15-17 is shown by these corrected counts. The length of a bar represents the number of meteors that would have been seen in one hour with the radiant exactly overhead. With each bar is the number of individual determinations that were averaged together.



LUNAR LIBRATION CHART

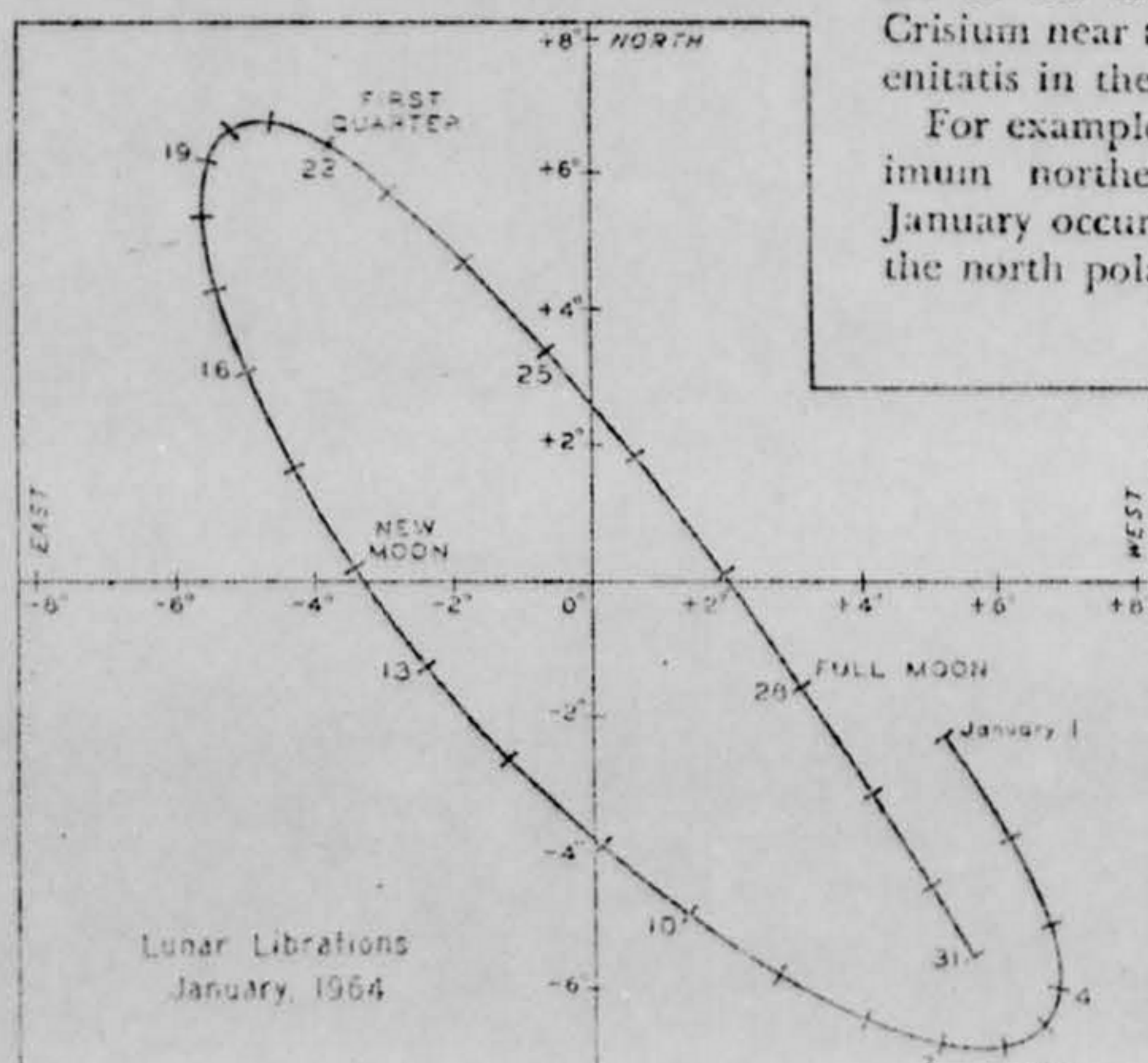
LIMB REGIONS are the least observed parts of the moon. Near the moon's edge some features are always visible, but greatly foreshortened; others are only intermittently carried into view by libration. This is the apparent monthly rocking of the moon in both north-south and east-west directions.

To predict when a particular portion

of the limb will be favorably tipped toward the earth during a month, I plot a chart like the one below. My information comes from the *American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac*, where daily values are given for the earth's selenographic latitude and longitude (the lunar coordinates at the center of the apparent disk). Positive numbers indicate that the north or west limb is exposed. Directions are in the traditional sense, with Mare Crisium near the west limb and Mare Serenitatis in the northern hemisphere.)

For example, my chart shows that maximum northern libration (positive) in January occurs on the 21st. At this time the north polar region may be best seen.

ALIKA K. HERRING



The curved line in this chart by Alika K. Herring shows the moon's varying librations during January. Similar charts for other months can be plotted from information given in the "American Ephemeris."

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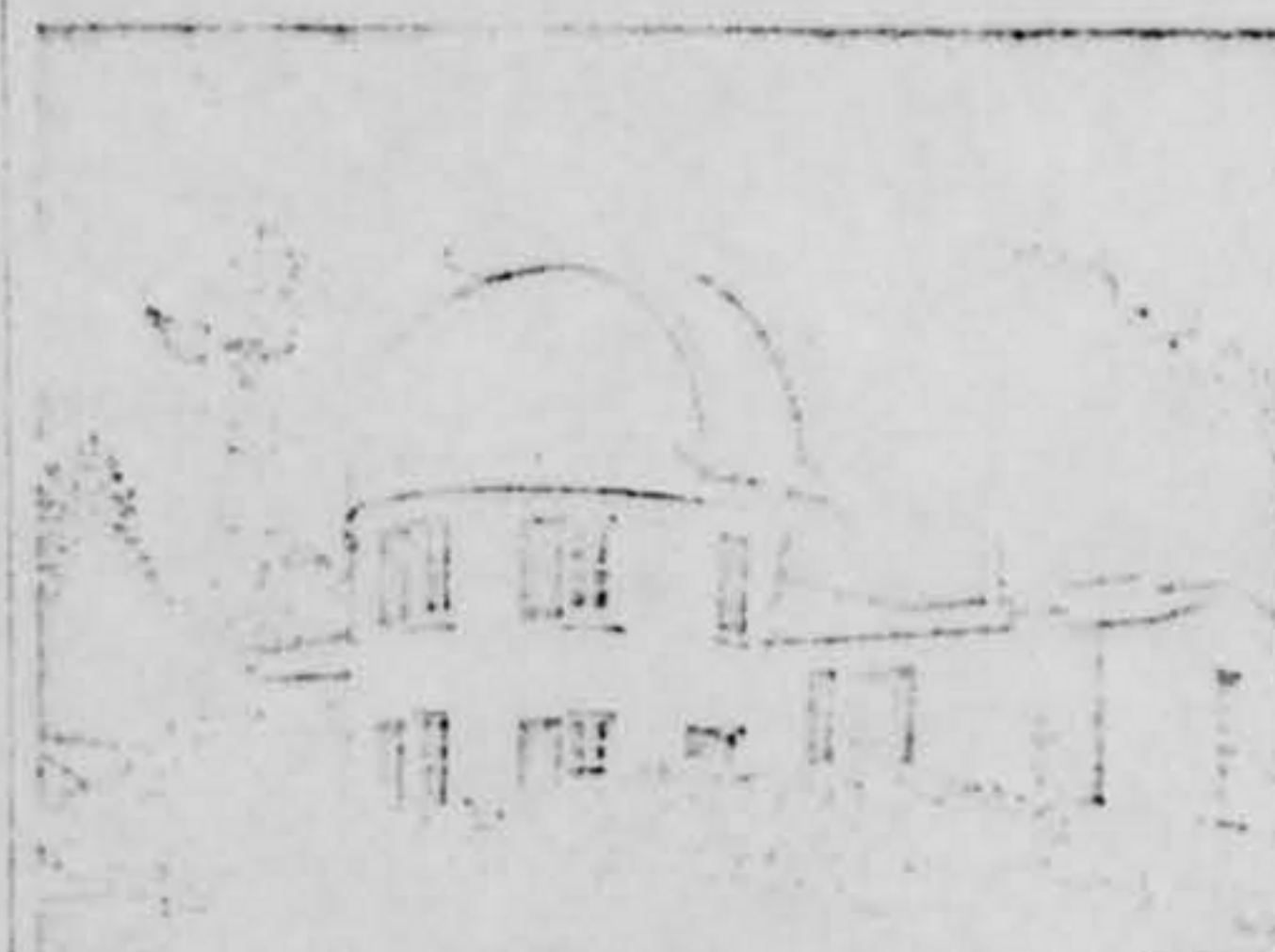
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 14, APP 213-2. A. DESCRIPTION:

(1) WHITE SMOKE - LIKE STREAK IN SKY WHICH SHATTERED AT ITS END INTO 300-400 BRIGHT RED COLORED

PARTICLES. (2) EACH OF THE 300-400 PARTICLES SIZE OF

BASEBALL AT ARM'S LENGTH. (3) WHITE STREAK, RED

PARTICLES. (4) ONE STREAK, 300-400 PARTICLES

(5) PARTICLES TRAVELLED THROUGH KY IN "V" FORMATION

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WITH ONE OF THEM GOING TO THE GROUND AT THEIR

LOCATION. (6) PARTICLES AT ABOUT 1000 FT. AND

WENT TO THE GROUND. (7) PARTICLES (8) PARTICLES

WENT TO THE GROUND. (9) PARTICLES

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EXTREMITIES. (6) RESEMBLED SATELLITE OBSERVER HAD
SEEN TWO YEARS AGO. (7) NONE. (8) BULL, PAINT SOUND OF
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AT SPEED WHICH OBSERVER ESTIMATED TO BE TOO FAST
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BETWEEN HYDE PARK AND POUGHKEEPSIE, NY. (5) DI AP-

PEARED OVER HORIZON. (6) 5 MINUTE. G. MANNER OF
OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND - VISUAL. (2) NONE (3) N/A.

H. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) 180956Z. (2) NIGHT.

I. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 3 MILES W OF NEW PALTZ, NY.

J. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OBSERVERS: (1) CIVILIAN:

(A) [REDACTED], AGE 35, [REDACTED],

NY; LABORER, F-6. (B) [REDACTED] AGE-33, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] T., POUGHKEEPSIE, NY; TRUCK DRIVER, F-6.

(C) [REDACTED] AGE-35, [REDACTED] POUGHKEEPSIE, NY;

LABORER, F-6. (D) [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY; OCCUPATION UNK F-6.

(E) [REDACTED] AGE-29, [REDACTED] POUGH-

KEEPSIE, NY; LABORER, F-6. (2) N/A. G. WEATHER AND

WIND: (1) CLEAR, NO WIND. (2) SURFACE-112 DEGREE AT

5100 FT. FOLLOWING WIND. ALOFT ARE ESTIMATE

WINDS AT BY LOCAL W. 0,000 FT - 270 DEGREE AT

10,000 FT. 12,000 FT - 200 DEGREE AT 10,000 FT.

15,000 FT - 270 DEGREE AT 15,000 FT. 20,000 FT - 270 DEGREE

25,000 FT - 270 DEGREE AT 25,000 FT. 30,000 FT - 270 DEGREE

35,000 FT - 270 DEGREE AT 35,000 FT. 40,000 FT - 270 DEGREE

45,000 FT - 270 DEGREE AT 45,000 FT. 50,000 FT - 270 DEGREE

55,000 FT - 270 DEGREE AT 55,000 FT. 60,000 FT - 270 DEGREE

65,000 FT - 270 DEGREE AT 65,000 FT. 70,000 FT - 270 DEGREE

75,000 FT - 270 DEGREE AT 75,000 FT. 80,000 FT - 270 DEGREE

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AT 53 KNOT. 32,000FT - 273 DEGREE AT 63 KNOT.
53,000FT - 273 DEGREE AT 65 KNOT. 66,000FT - 273
DEGREE AT 65 KNOT. 83,000FT - NO ESTIMATE AVAILABLE.

(3) CEILING - NONE. (4) VISIBILITY - 7 MILES. (5) AMOUNT
OF CLOUD COVER - HIGH, THIN, SCATTERED. (6) THUNDER-
LIGHT - NONE. (7) VERTICAL TEMP. GRADIENT - UNK.

8. OTHER AND CAL ACTIVITY - NONE KNOWN. 9. AIR TRAFFIC -
NONE. 10. AIR TRAFFIC - NONE KNOWN, ACCORDING
TO CHIEF CONTROLLER, HANCOCK FIELD, CT. 11. [REDACTED]
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TO CHIEF CONTROLLER, HANCOCK FLD, NY. BALLONS -

NONE. K. STAFF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, DIRECTORATE

OF INTELLIGENCE, HEADQUARTERS 26TH NORAD/CONAD

REGION. OPINION FORMED IS THAT SIGHTING WAS A METEOR,

BASED UPON OBSERVER'S ESTIMATE OF ALTITUDE ("ABOVE

50,000FT"), COLOR OF OBJECT, EXPLOSION AND RESULTANT

SHATTERING AND SPEED. L. NONE.

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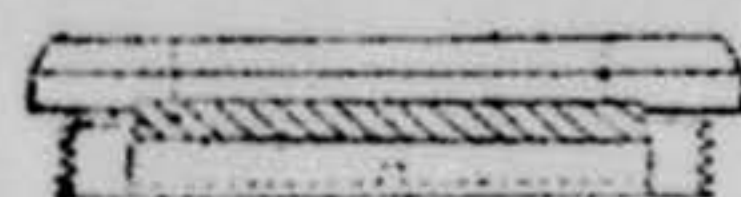


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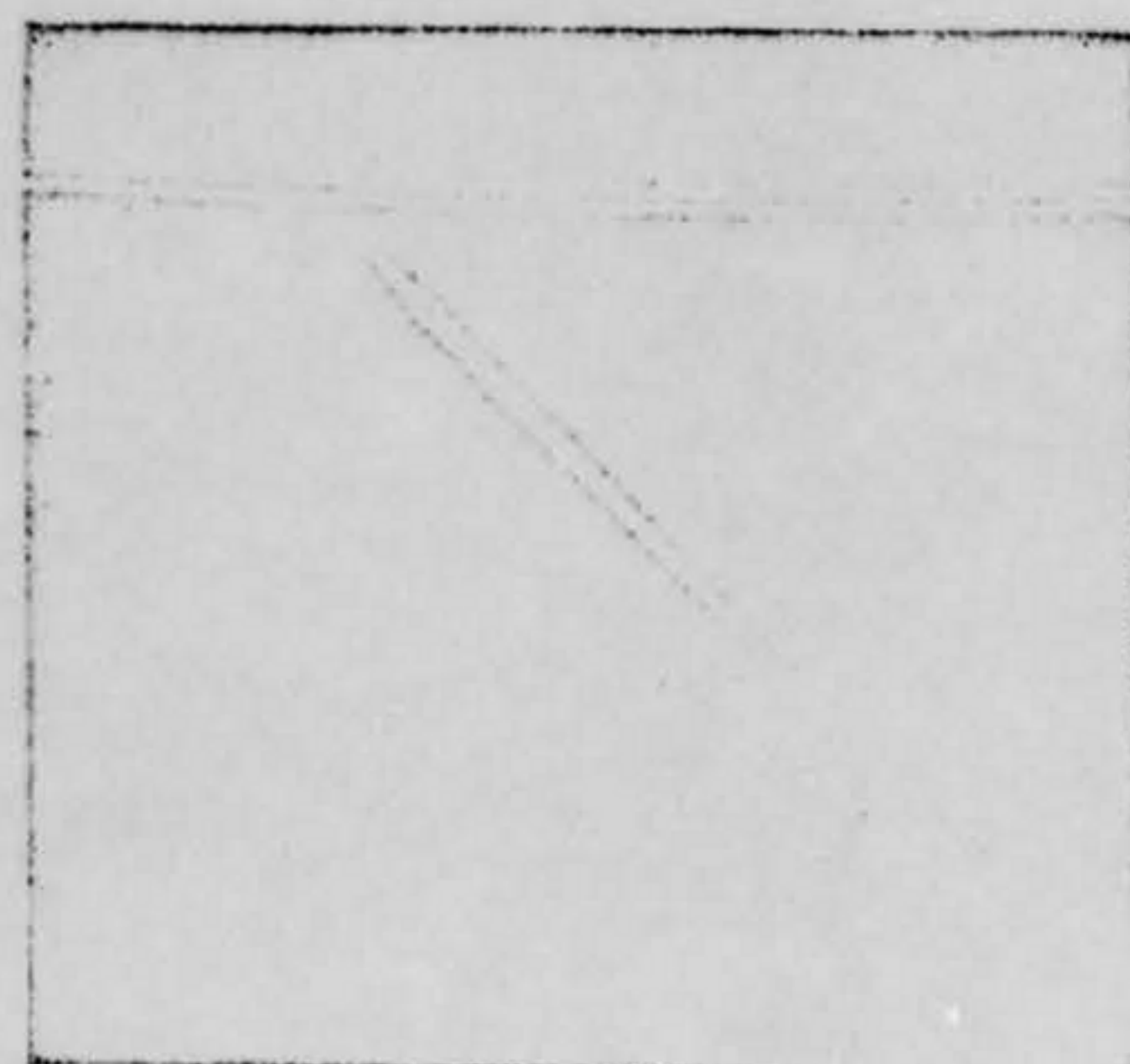
THIS YEAR'S Leonid meteor shower was about as active as the display in 1962 (described in this department last January). Apparently, the maximum occurred on the night of November 16-17, but hourly rates remained below those of 1961 (SKY AND TELESCOPE, February, 1962, page 64).

Most observers agreed that the shower members were strikingly bright, left short trains, and were predominantly white. Ralph Boineau of Columbia, South Carolina, comments, "Almost all the Leonids brighter than 1st magnitude left trains that endured from two to five seconds. The trains from these swift meteors were short, none longer than 20 degrees. All the Leonids I saw were white with just a touch of orange in about half the cases."

As in past years, fireballs were sighted along with other shower members. John Smatko, Yonkers, New York, saw a Leonid fireball "as bright as the quarter moon" through a hole in the clouds 10 degrees west of the radiant. This was at 4:37 a.m. Eastern standard time on November 18th. The meteor left a train that was quickly distorted.

The table lists meteor rates by 17 amateurs who recorded individual counts over specific intervals. Beside each name the observing period is stated in Universal time. *L* is the number of Leonids counted during that interval, *S* the number of sporadic (non-Leonid) meteors. The last column indicates the direction *D* that the observer was facing. All observations were made under reportedly clear skies.

One observer worked on three nights —



On November 17th at 2:24 a.m. Pacific standard time, Robert La Pierre of Whittier, California, photographed this Leonid of magnitude -2. He used a 35-mm. Argus camera set at *f*/3.5 and Plus-X film. He also recorded the Perseid meteor shown on page 299 in the November issue. That picture was incorrectly credited to William Oker, an observing companion.

Observer	Time (UT)	L	S	D
NOVEMBER 15				
Millard	9:00-10:00	6	5	
	10:00-11:00	3	5	
	11:00-11:15	2	3	
NOVEMBER 16				
Millard	9:00-10:00	12	6	
	10:00-11:00	20	9	
	11:00-11:15	5	2	
Morrison	10:45-12:15	7	5	
NOVEMBER 17				
Chapman	9:20-10:20	16	28	NE
	11:30-12:30	23	14	NE
Davis	9:20-10:20	6	7	SE
	11:30-12:30	20	8	SE
Karger	6:20- 7:20	6	3	W
	7:20- 8:20	6	11	W
	8:20- 9:20	7	8	W
	9:20-10:20	14	9	W
Key	7:00- 8:30	13	7	
Larson	9:20-10:20	10	15	N
	11:30-12:30	19	13	S
McCants	7:20- 8:20	7	8	W
	8:20- 9:20	11	7	W
	9:20-10:20	14	5	W
McDonald	9:20-10:20	14	13	NW
	11:30-12:30	16	14	NW
McLean	9:20-10:20	11	10	S
	11:30-12:30	29	11	N
Meeus	0:18- 1:03	0	2	E
Millard	9:00-10:00	5	4	
	10:00-11:00	15	4	
	11:00-11:15	6	1	
Milon	9:20-10:20	7	12	E
	11:30-12:30	30	11	E
Molinaire	6:20- 7:20	2	4	E
	7:20- 8:20	3	13	E
	8:20- 9:20	10	3	E
	9:20-10:20	7	4	E
Morrison	11:00-13:30	14	9	
Russell	6:20- 7:20	7	23	E
	7:20- 8:20	5	14	E
	8:20- 9:20	19	4	E
	9:20-10:20	18	9	E
Sears	9:20-10:20	9	10	SW
	11:30-12:30	20	14	SW
Souther	6:20- 7:20	2	7	W
Thomson	6:20- 7:20	3	9	S
	7:20- 8:20	1	10	S
	8:20- 9:20	7	4	S
	9:20-10:20	4	5	S

J. Millard at Atlanta, Georgia. J. Meeus is in Kessel-Lo, Belgium. L. Key at Fernandina Beach, Florida, and R. Morrison in Los Angeles, California.

Two teams of observers supplied the bulk of the meteor counts. C. Chapman, D. Davis, J. Fountain (timekeeper), S. Larson, L. McDonald, D. McLean, D. Milon, and W. Sears watched from Kitt Peak, Arizona. At Montgomery, Texas, another group consisted of Karger, M. McCants, B. Molinaire, Russell, and K. Thomson; Souther kept time during most of the observing session.

On the morning of November 16th, between 2:30 and 4:00 a.m., Central standard time, Randy Baldwin, Wayne