Monday, October 8, 1956

Partly cloudy

Temperature 58 degrees
High 58
Low 47

Humidity at 6:30 p.m. 38 per cent
Precipitation 24 hours ending at 6:30 p.m. none. Total since Jan. 1 to date 23.27 inches.
Sun rises 6:21 a.m., set 5:39 p.m.
Moon phase new, Risers 12:06 p.m., sets 9:22 p.m.
Wind at 4:05 p.m. 15 miles per hour and at 4:30 p.m. 8 miles per hour coming from the North west

Year ago high 67 low 38
All-time record high for the date 80, in 1905,
All-time record low for this date 28, in 1917

Seattle, cloudy
San Francisco, clear
Los Angeles, clear
Billings, partly cloudy
Will Steger Journal Entry

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Russia launched the first Earth Satellite today. The Satellite can be picked up by a hom radio at 20.005 and 40.002 megacycles. It is estimated to be 23 inches in diameter, 187 pounds, going at 18,000 miles per hour, altitude 560 miles, circles the earth once every one hour and 31 minutes and estimated life not more than three weeks.

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Russia misplaced the decimal place. It weighs 18.7 pounds and goes around the earth every 95 minutes.

October 20  1957

The Orionid meteor shower will reach its peak at the 21st of 20 meteors per hour. 2:20 - 4:00 I saw 15 meteors. The Orionids are visible in flight.

2:15 - 4:00

1. 2:31, swift, Red, Magnitude 3d
2. 2:34, swift, Red, long, Magnitude 1st
3. 2:40, swift, Red, Magnitude 2d
4. 2:42, swift, Red, train leaving meteor, Magnitude 1st
5. 2:49, swift, Red, Short, Magnitude 2d
6. 2:51, swift, Red, long, train, Magnitude 2d
7. 2:57, swift, Red, the only one going toward Orion, Magnitude 2d
8. 3:01, swift, Red, long, train leaving meteor, Magnitude 1st
9. 3:20, swift, Red, long, Magnitude 2d
10. 3:25, swift, Red, very fast, Magnitude 4th
11. 3:27, swift, Red, short, train, Magnitude 3d
12. 3:32, swift, Red, train lasting 3 seconds, Magnitude 2d
13. 3:46, swift, Red, Magnitude 3d