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OPERATION MOONWATCH REVIVED AND REVISED; STATION TO BE COMPLETED BY APRIL

MR. STEVENS DIES

The numerous friends of Mr. Paul J. Stevens will be saddened to learn of his untimly death in Rochester, N.Y. on January 7. His famed career included being chairman of the North-East Region of the Astronomical League. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Astronomy Section in the Rochester Academy of Science.

LOOK TO THE SKY

There have been reports of a comet appearing late in Spring. This comet will be brighter than Halley's and will be able to be seen during daylight. If anyone has further information on this prediction, bring it up at the March meeting.

Dr. C. E. Hestial of Ohio State U. has predicted a super-nova. He says that one appears about every 300 years. There have been none reported for the past three centuries.

WHAT THE STARS SAY
Saturn is getting up high in the morning sky, reaching W. Quadrature on the 4th.

Jupiter is the major attraction this month. It reaches opposition on the 17th. making it visible all night.

TALK TO BE GIVEN BY CLUB MEMBERS

Start now! TO prepare the five minute talk you'll give at the May meeting. Topic? Just about anything you've done in the field of Optics or Astronomy. It may be an interesting quirk in your mirror or a new design for a telescope, microscope or light gathering device. It may be just a bit of observational work you're doing.

Also; the May meeting is the election of new officers (Yes, Already!) for the next season.

PRIVATE STAR PARTY

Don't forget our observing evening on Wed. March 20th. Both the telescope and the Planetarium will be used.

Speaking of the Planetarium; we now have two more attachments in 100% working condition. The Moon-Planet finder and the Satellite Projector have been satisfactorily mounted and I must say they really enhance the appearance of the Spitz.

Incidentally, the Planetarium will be used for mass training of Moonwatch Volunteers.

Of course, on the 20th. the Astronomical New Year begins. On this day the

Club members! Noe is the time to act! Don't put it off another minute! We're on a volunteer drive for the Operation Moonwatch. We need you, along with a little time and effort. Why don't you call either Ed Lindberg, Moonwatch Director, or Lou Reinagel. Also; if you know anyone interested in being a volunteer, experienced or not, contact him find if he's willing, then tell us. We need you now, not a month from now.

MARCH MEETING SCHEDULED

This month's meeting will be held at the usual place: the Roosevelt Room in the Buffalo Museum of Science. The time: 8:00 P.M. sharp. The date: March 6th.

This month's speaker is the internationally known amateur astronomer and long standing member: Walter Semerau. He will lecture on his most recent advancements in the field of Solar Astronomy. We're expecting a big turnout to listen to the master of Amateur Astronomy. Don't forget to bring along that friend who's "always wanted to see what it's like."

MEMBERSHIP LIST OUT

Check your name in the membership list for mistakes in spelling, address, or phone number. If there have been any mistakes, notify at once, the Recording Secretary: Lou Reinagel. Thank You

As this is our first such bulletin for the club, your comments and criticisms will