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**LAUNCHING OF U.S. SPACE SATELLITE: VANGUARD SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER FOURTH**

## **BUFFALO ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION MEETS DECEMBER FOURTH**

Since it has been the tradition of the club to meet in the Roosevelt Room of the Museum of Science in Rumoldt Park at 8:00 PM, it has been decided that this time and place on the first Wednesday of the month will be the assumed condition unless this bulletin specifies otherwise.

The program for the evening will include a short but important business meeting followed by a series of three films from the Bell Aircraft Corporation. Afterwards, weather permitting, there will be observing on the museum roof.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Programs during the meetings of Jan. and Feb. will include Robert Takaberry giving a talk on optical principles and their applications in the field of microscopy. In Feb. the notable Dr. George Davis, Director of Astronomy in the Museum of Science will lecture on the expanding universe and the background stellar names.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **DEADLINE**

All those who have not paid their dues for the year: 1958 will have to have it in by the Dec. 4 meeting. The membership list will then be compiled and printed for the Jan. meeting.

During the October meeting it was voted that the Bulletin become part of the club property. This necessitated the raising of all club dues to \$4.25. This covers dues (\$1.25) and a year's subscription to Sky and Telescope.

If you are outside the club and wish to receive the Bulletin mail 25¢ in coin to the club c/o Editor 194 Westgate Rd. Ken. 17, N.Y.

## **I.G.Y. AURORAE CO. ITTEE**

Those wishing to spend a few minutes a day in helping the Auroral data center in carrying out its functions can send for a complete observing kit from: Auroral Data Center C. W. Gartlein Rockefeller Hall Ithaca, New York

## **WONKATCH VOLUNTEERS TAKE NOTE**

Be prepared to go on alert at any time. Smithsonian again warns us that notice of alerts will be at the most 48 hours before actual observation.

As this issue goes to press the Russian satellite: Sputnik (1957-1) is still revolving along with Sputnik (1957-2) II. As of yet, there is still speculation as to whether or not the rocket casing (1957-2) is still in space.

As regards the U.S. satellite, several U. S. commentators are wondering if this delayed, but still premature, launching will result in the possible loss not only of the satellite, if it fails to attain orbit, but also of the painstaking work and research that went into it.

## **WONKATCH STATION IN CLARENCE OFFICIALLY COM- PLETED**

When Russia's vehicle was launched, Buffalo was caught short with only one operating telescope. Since then, all six have been finished and aligned. The only thing remaining is the construction of chronograph for the recording of observations. Leaders: Reinagel and Lindberg are working on this problem.