

BUFFALO ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION INC.
THE SPECTRUM

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The third meeting of the Spring season will be held on Wednesday evening, May 4, 1960 at the Buffalo Museum of Science, Humboldt Park Buffalo, New York.

The speaker for the evening will be Mr. Walter Semerau noted Solar Observer. Mr. Semerau spoke to us in the fall and mentioned a project he was working on at the current time, it involved explaining the workings of his various instruments thru a series of animated motion pictures. At this time he will show this movie and give a talk on recent Solar developments and his observations of the last Lunar Eclipse in March.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 P.M. Sharp!.

Developments on the Observatory Project are moving slowly but some headway is being made.

Plans for the Telescope, Mounting and Observatory Housing have been completed and approved by the members of the Observatory Committee. Work on the mirror is progressing at a good rate of speed Ed Lindberg will have more to say about this at the meeting.

Applications for a building permit were obtained and filled out and submitted to Cornell Lab for approval, we are awaiting the outcome of their decision. We hope that by the June meeting a little more concrete progress will have been made.

June is our annual nomination and election month but this year nominations will be held in May. This being a democratic organization everybody is eligible for nomination and election to a club post. The only requirement is that the President be over 21 this being required by law since he is one of the Directors of our Incorporated association. Nominations will be in order for the following offices: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Publicity Secretary.

One point must be made and that is if you don't want the duties or the work involved don't seek election. The present officers feel that a lot of work has been put in on the association and its projects past and current and we do not care to see it all go down the drain because the next administration feels there is too much work involved in organizing meetings, star parties and most of all seeing that this observatory project is pushed and completed.

Plans are being laid for summer star parties some of which will be held at county parks, others at members homes, if any one wishes to have a star party held at his home during the summer months contact Louis Reinagle at DE 3455 giving your name, address, time at which you want to hold the party, and directions on how to reach your place.

Mr. Semerau has extended an invitation to the B.A.A. to visit his Solar Observatory on Saturday July 16, 1960 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon to observe the sun. If any members are interested call Walter Semerau at RI 5984 so he can have an idea of how many members to expect.

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