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MONTHLY MEETING

The next meeting of the Buffalo Astronomical Association will be held on Friday, December 14th at 7:45.

The main speaker of the evening will be Ernst Both who will comment on a film strip about a trip to the moon. The slides were made by the Lick 120" telescope.

The Constellation of the month will be presented by Thomas Peltz, who will tell us about the interesting objects in Auriga.

Ron Clippinger will give a short talk on anecdotes from the life of a famous lunar observer.

Edith Geiger is in charge of the refreshments for the Kaffee Klatch which will follow the meeting.

If the skies are clear we will have the opportunity to observe with the museum's telescope. 120

THE ADVANCED OBSERVERS GROUP

The Advanced Observers group is meeting every other Saturday night at 8:00. The first meeting was held on November 17th. The members will next convene on Saturday, December 15th. 29

ELEMENTARY STUDY GROUP

The Elementary Study Group, under the leadership of Ron Clippinger, continues its meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The current topic is the moon.

ADVANCED STUDY GROUP

will meet on Saturday, December 29 at 2:00 in the Science Museum. Mrs. Geiger will report on the material she has been studying for the January meeting of the B.A.A.

DID YOU KNOW?

All the members of the B.A.A. are acquainted with our speaker for this month, but few of us know more than that he is the Curator of Astronomy at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

Mr. Both was born in a small town near Linz in Austria and received his early education in the local schools. The family came to the United States in 1950 and Mr. Both continued his education at the University of Buffalo. This is his first assignment as a professional astronomer.

He is the director of the Mars section of the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers. This is a position of no little distinction as he is charged with the responsibility of assembling and digesting observations of Mars from all over the world. During one opposition he receives anywhere from 500 to 800 observations.

He assures us that he enjoys this post very much, not only for the professional work but for his contacts with the public and the B.A.A. Unlike most Buffalonians, he does not have too much fault to find with our weather, but very generously compares it with other spots which, believe it or not, are worse.

His recent move to North Collins was not for the purpose of indulging in "busman's holidays" but simply because the family enjoys country living.

The Editors of the Spectrum wish to express to Mr. Both the appreciation of the B.A.A. for the valuable assistance he has always been so ready to give. 256