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## B.A.A. MEETS MARCH 8TH

This month's program will consist of a talk by Jack Lawrence entitled "Visitors from Space."

Ron Clippinger will talk about John Brashear, a famous American telescope maker.

The constellation of the month will be "Leo" and Marge Meyer has much interesting data to give us on this subject.

## ELEMENTARY STUDY GROUP

The monthly meetings of the Elementary Study Group will be cancelled for the month of March. Members will be informed of the resumption of these meetings probably in April.

## ADVANCED STUDY GROUP

The Advanced Study Group is considering projects for group action. The members would like to work on something that would be worthwhile not only for the B.A.A. but for all amateur astronomers.

At this month's club meeting, Lou Reinagel will be on hand to accept applications to this group for this series.

## NEWS ITEMS

Walter Semerau reports that the 16" telescope tube and mounting material, donated by the Linde Company to the B.A.A. has been delivered.

In addition, several of the most difficult parts of the mounting are in the process of being made to order for us by a leading Buffalo area industrial concern. A full report on this assistance will appear later.

Working drawings of the mounting have been completed and prospects are good that additional contributions by industrial concerns may see the entire mounting completed far earlier than would have been anticipated. These advancements would not have been possible without this very welcome and highly appreciated assistance.

## ASTRO-ERRORS

The Spectrum will begin a new feature this month to be known as "Astro-Errors". It will feature outstanding errors and mistakes made by the press and periodicals in the reporting of astronomical news items. Readers of The Spectrum are encouraged to submit prize "bonners" in this field of reporting to the Editor.

Here's a couple to start off with:

"President Kennedy yesterday opened the World's Fair at Seattle, Washington State, by remote control, from Palm Beach, Florida, where he pressed a telegraph key which "bounced" a radio signal off the star "Cassiopeia A," 10,000 light years from the earth." ... The Times  
April 23, 1962

One wonders if the fair will re-open in the 220th. century.

In reporting transfer of a transit instrument from Canisius College to the Buffalo Museum of Science, the "Griffin" college newspaper printed the following remarkable paragraph on February 15, 1963:

"The expedition, headed by Prof. Simon Newcomb, was assigned to go to the Cape of Good Hope off the South end of South America to view the planet Venus on one of its few visible orbits to earth. This planet only comes in p proximate viewing distance about once in every 100 years. In 1882, it was not visible from the North American continent, hence the trip to South America."

## NUCKETTS DEPARTMENT

The minor planet, Ceres, is putting on quite a show this winter and spring. The asteroid is in convenient viewing position and makes its closest approach on March 3rd. Ceres is exceptionally bright this pass - almost within naked eye limits.



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