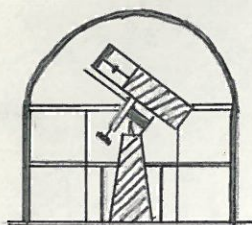
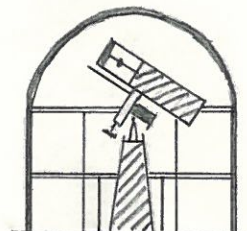


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December Meeting

The next meeting of the Buffalo Astronomical Association will be held as usual on the second Friday of the month. This month it comes a bit earlier, fortunately for us Christmas shoppers, on the 11th - same time, same place. The meeting will not, however, be quite as usual. We are promised a number of surprises which your editor was unable to worm out of the powers that be. There will be a talk by Ronald Clippinger on "The problems of Observing" - subtitle - "Trials and Tribulations of Amateur Observers". One trial - sudden flashes of light - will be demonstrated at the meeting. Edith Geiger will show pictures that she took at our summer star nights.

ECLIPSE

As you all know, there will be an eclipse of the moon on Friday December 18th. This evening, the museum will be open from 7:30 to 11:30 P.M. to the public so that this event can be observed through the museum's 8" telescope.

Instrument Section

The Instrument Section of the B.A.A. which normally meets on the third Friday of the month, will cancel its meeting because it conflicts with the lunar eclipse.

Advanced Study Section

The November meeting of the Advanced Study Section was marked with spirit and enthusiasm. Leader, Ron Clippinger had his hands full when he was faced with a barrage of questions all clamoring to be answered in full at the same time. We're sure Ron prefers the peace and quiet of his eighth grade classroom to the unbridled enthusiasm of the Advanced Study Section. Ron is having a Christmas vacation from both teaching duties, as the A.S.S. will not meet again until the last Saturday in January. The members hope they can talk him into another "Bring Your Problems" meeting, as they have hardly scratched the surface of what Ron knows that they don't.

ADVANCED OBSERVING SECTION

The Advanced Observing Section met on November 28th and heard a continuing report from Edith Geiger on her observations and sketches of various lunar craters. She felt that repeated observations of the same craters gave improved results and credited Ernst Both subtlety and understanding in his guidance of her project.

On the night of the eclipse members of this section will be very busy timing the various phases of the eclipse. Three different research projects made use of our Lunar Section's findings during a previous lunar eclipse. Because of these activities on December 18th the Advanced Observing Section will not meet until January 30th.

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