

THE SPECTRUM

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BUFFALO ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION INC.

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OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of the Buffalo Astronomical Association will take place on Friday the 9th at 7:45 P.M. in the Buffalo Museum of Science.

The speaker of the evening will be Ronald Clippinger who will describe in detail the results of a recent survey of stars that are our nearest neighbors.

After the meeting refreshments will be served during the usual intellectual conversational period.

Again we hope that seeing conditions will permit observations through the museum's telescope.

September Meeting

Several items of importance were discussed or voted upon at the September Business meeting.

First, the board of directors put before the meeting a suggestion to amend the Constitution of the B.A.A. to render it impossible for an officer to be elected to the same office for three consecutive terms. This idea was discussed in detail, none of the members seemed anxious to push the amendment which would have required a two-thirds vote of the members and it was decided to table the motion for consideration at another time.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers then took place. The following were unanimously reelected to their present offices

President: Ronald Clippinger

Vice President: Edith Geiger

Secretary: Richard Zygmunt

Treasurer: Paul Redding.

ADVANCED STUDY SECTION

The Advanced Study Section will meet on Saturday the 24th at the Buffalo Museum of Science at 2:00 p.m.

OBSERVING SECTION

The Observing Section meeting date will be decided at the meeting to be held immediately following the B.A.A. meeting.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Paul Redding requests that you examine the mailing labels on your "Sky & Telescope" and "Popular Astronomy" magazines. If the expiration date falls between July and November, let him know immediately so you won't miss any numbers. Call TH4- 8219 or see him at the October meeting.

NEW SECTION FORMED

The first meeting of the Instrument Section of the Buffalo Astronomical Association was held at the Museum

On Friday September 25th, there were 12 members present.

Ray Sulwischowski presented a design and carefully made a cardboard mockup of a mirror cell for the club's telescope. The feature of the design is that it can be made without a lathe. Ronald Clippinger presented a design for a machined version. Ed Stoklosa announced the availability of materials and machine time for the machined design. This was not known to Ray when he worked out his model.

Group discussion favored the machined cell but thanks are due to all workers on such a project for helping to keep the program alive. We will yet have a telescope.

Two mirrors were brought in by members for testing and these were duly passed on by experts. Rudy Buecking, Gil Gagne and others in the spooky darkened room using Ray Sulwischowski's Foucault testing apparatus.

Tentative plans are to have meetings each month on the fourth Friday at the Museum of Science.

Report submitted by Ed Lindberg
Group leader.

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