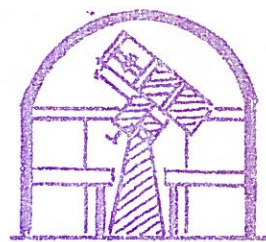




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THE BUFFALO ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION

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B. A. A. MEETS MAY 12th

The next meeting of the Buffalo Astronomical Association will be held at the Buffalo Museum of Science on May 12th at 8:00 P.M. We are most fortunate to have been able to procure as our speaker Mr. Alan Gee of the American Optical Co. who will talk about the Solar Telescope and the Heliostat which is being installed at the Science Museum. This is a great advance for the Buffalo area and we are indeed fortunate to have Mr. Gee speak to us on this subject.

Following the meeting there will be the usual refreshments and social period, and weather permitting observation with the Museum's 8" telescope.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The nominating committee which consists of the board members who are not now serving as officers, will present a slate of officers for the coming year at the June meeting. They have requested members who have suggestions for officers to contact members of the board before that time. It is suggested that members think seriously of possibilities and present their ideas to the nominating committee either at the May meeting or by phone before the June meeting.

1967 ASTRONOMICAL CONVENTION

The North East Regional Convention of the Astronomical League will meet in Buffalo next spring. Since we are hosts, there will be a great deal of ground work to be done. Volunteers are being sought to head and work on as many as 12 committees. This is a large undertaking and it is not too early to begin to work on it. The board of directors wants

all members to be thinking of places where they will be willing to serve.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

The Southeastern Regional Convention has invited all member societies of the Astronomical League to the convention being held in Miami July 1 - 5. Not the least of the features of the convention is the tour of Cape Kennedy. Ralph Dakin, of our neighboring Rochester Association is one of the listed speakers. We are advised also that there is still room for more papers and exhibits. Anyone for a Florida vacation? Write Leonard G. Pardue, 641 Falcon Av. Miami Springs, Fla. 33166.

For those who prefer the mountains of New England for a late spring vacation, the North-East Regional Convention will be held in Keene, New Hampshire on Saturday, May 21st.

GIFTS FOR B.A.A.

The B.A.A. has recently acquired several valuable contributions as a result of the generosity of the late Rev. George Walker who, up until his death last November 17th, was for many years a very active member and a past president of the B.A.A., and also author of several published articles in astronomical periodicals.

Through the very kind cooperation of his sister, Miss Helen Walker of Franklinville, N.Y., the B.A.A. has been presented with a complete collection of Sky and Telescope Magazine, which will be a valuable addition to our association's library. In addition, another valuable contribution is the late Rev. Walker's personal telescope, and a three inch refractor of professional quality. And last but not least, the B.A.A. has been presented with a unique apparatus for demonstration of

various constellations which are simulated by an ingenious arrangement of electric lights. This device was the original invention of Rev. Walker who constructed it entirely himself.

We are quite sure that all the members of the B.A.A. sincerely appreciate the generosity that made these gifts possible and that they will be put to as good a use in the future as they have in the past.

SECTION MEETING

The Advanced Study Section will meet on Friday, May 20th at 7:00 P.M. in the Buffalo Museum of Science. This meeting date has been moved forward one week from the usual date so as not to conflict with the Memorial Day week end. The topic will be "Methods of Determining Star Distances".

WHAT'S NEW

The Lockport Astronomy Association recently had the pleasure of hearing the talk on "Honey House Observatory" given by Darwin and Orrin Christy. It's nice to know that some of our members are being recognized for their accomplishments by other astronomical groups. Congratulations to the Christys.

THANK-YOU LETTER

Your secretary received a letter of thanks to the B.A.A. for publishing Arthur Hale's article on his Giant Binocular. It was our pleasure. He would be happy to answer any specific enquiries and writes that he has prints that might aid anyone who wishes to construct an instrument of this new design. If you are interested you can write: Arthur H. Hale, Wywanda, Geliano Island, British Columbia, Canada.

Edward Lindberg

Ed Lindberg has been an outstanding member of the B. A. A. for many years. This friendly, warm gentleman was born in a suburb of Pittsburg, of Swedish parentage. When he was five years old, his father bought a farm at Mayville, New York, where he would be near his former countrymen in the Swedish settlements in that area. Ed spent his boyhood in this picturesque country-side of rolling hills and fields of waving grain.

At an early age, Ed became interested in the wonders of radio, and learned its workings all by himself. After building a "ham" radio set, he received a license, and found endless excitement in contacting other "ham" radio operators across the miles.

After graduating from Mayville High, our country lad found himself confronted with the depression years, with jobs hard to find. He said goodbye to the fields of grain and sweet-scented clover and headed to the big city. He found work in Buffalo in a radio shop where he repaired radios, a skill he learned by himself. He spent his evenings learning railroad telegraphy in the old Lackawanna depot at the foot of Main Street. He worked for that railroad, but later transferred to the New York Central Terminal as a telegrapher.

Electronics held a great fascination for Ed. He also had learned much of this by himself. He decided to further his study of the subject by going to night school and taking courses in electrical engineering, while working as a telegrapher.

With Ed's knowledge of electronics, he found work at the Wurlitzer Company as an electronics technician. Some of the juke boxes you may have heard may have been, in work the work of our versatile Ed.

Realizing the importance of a college education, Ed decided that he would somehow obtain a college degree. He enrolled as an engineering student at the University of Buffalo. In order to go to school, he had to continue in a regular full time job as an electronic technician in local industries. Working a full time job and being a student takes great stamina and determination. For sixteen years he kept his goal before him. There was, however some time taken from his studies, as when he took a year off to build a telescope, and when he found that work hours interfered. Finally he was awarded his well-earned B.S. degree in physics.

During some of these years, he was employed by the General Electric Company where he worked building equipment for testing television tubes. Now came the desire to make a television set completely from "scratch". With his usual perseverance, Ed completed his project in time to view Buffalo's first television broadcast on July 4, 1948, with Bob Hope as the star. With great anticipation Ed turned on his do-it-yourself set to find that Bob Hope was standing on his head, and two images of Hope were appearing side by side, or so it appeared on Ed's television set. A little tinkering here and there in the next few minutes straightened out Bob Hope.

Ed is a very gifted man. At a state convention in Rochester he won the speed championship for western New York in receiving Morse Code. His record was copying forty words per minute, with a pencil, for three minutes without an error.

Photography has long been one of Ed's hobbies. The quality of his work is such that the Courier Express has used three of his pictorial colored photographs on the cover of the Sunday magazine section of the paper. His black and white shots have appeared from time to time in both the Courier and the Buffalo Evening News, and several mechanical magazines. Perhaps you recall seeing his picture on maple sugaring as well as other news shots.

Astronomy has had a strong hold on Ed since he was a child. Ed's father was interested in astronomy and this interest was captured by his son. Ed used to lie on the ground at night and gaze at the clear open sky with its many stars. As he did not have a telescope, he became a fine naked eye observer, and with the aid of some star maps he learned the constellations. The starry heavens were always to be a part of this life.

It was through the B.A.A. that Ed learned his optics. He joined Rudy Bueckings telescope making class, and made a mirror under Rudy's direction. Ed has continued his interest in telescope making and has built a 6" telescope; started an 8" which was interrupted by electronic projects; made three optical flats; made a fine mirror for our telescope at Newstead, and has helped other telescope makers with their instruments. Sometime in the future Ed hopes to make another 8" or perhaps a 10". He says that if he has good equipment he hopes to make a study of Mars, Jupiter and the moon.

Because of Ed's knowlege of telescope making, he has been a judge at the Stellafane conventions for the last five years.

Ed has been a speaker on astronomy before the Astronomical Section of the Rochester Museum of Science, of which he is a member, and the Syracuse Astronomical society. An article on the history of astronomy in the Buffalo area has appeared in Science on the March, the magazine of the Buffalo Museum of Science.

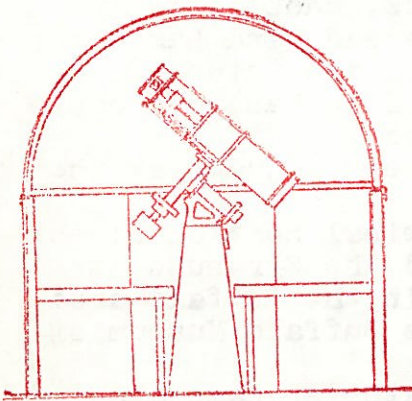
Ed's position as assistant physicist at Cornell Laboratories came about through his hobbies of photography and optics. He was sent to Thailand by Cornell Lab to do special work in photography and radio. Though he has returned, he is still working on the project, making colored prints of pictures taken in Thailand.

With all Ed's hobbies and technical abilities, he has found enjoyment in membership in numerous local and national organizations. These include: the Radio Association of Western New York; the Kenmore-Buffalo-Tonawanda Radio Club; the American Radio Relay League; the Photographic Society of America; the Optical Sociaty of America, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

It was through the Museum Camera Club and a hiking club that Ed met his talented and gracious wife, Olga. Together they enjoy many things. The Bowmansville home of this delightful couple is filled with mementos of places they have visited.

Besides Ed's work at Cornell, his plans for the future include new projects on which to try his skills, and more trips to those far away places.

Mind and skill have brought Ed the many joys of a happy life. We hope that his future will continue to be filled with life's blessings.



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