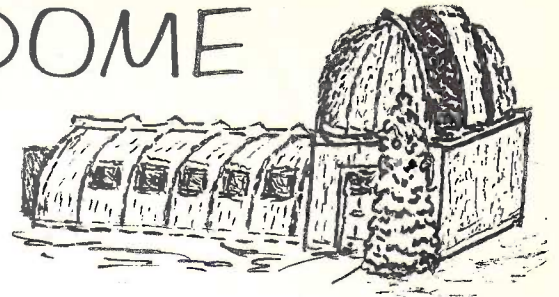


# the DOUBLE DOME



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We are surrounded by great liquid oceans but have you ever stopped to think about the ocean of gas we live in? Perhaps not, because astronomers tend to ignore that ocean pausing only to reflect on it when the weather ruins a good night of observing. How many times have you left for the observatory on a clear night, only to be followed out there by a thick overcast of clouds? Even Ed. Halbach's face turns a little stormy at the thought of all the grazing occultations that have been missed because of the whims of nature. Charles Dudley Warner said "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." Man, (including astronomers) seems to be in the grip of an untameable monster whose behavior he cannot control. Plan to be with us at the next MAS meeting when Mr. William F. Collins, Weather Instructor for the United States Power Squadron will be on hand to present:  
"Weather and its relation to the Amateur Astronomer"

Time: 8:00 P.M.  
Place: UWM Physics & Eng. Bldg.  
Location: E. Kenwood & North Cramer Ave.  
Date: Friday, March 15, 1968

The society extends its greetings to a new member. He is -  
Adams, Mark J., 7729 W. Burdick Ave. 53219 M68

Members of the Board of Directors will hold the March meeting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Kliman, Friday, March 22, at 7:30 PM. As always, wives are invited.

Something new! A Junior Girls Observing Program has been organized. It will be led by Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Tangney (281-6533) and Mr. Al Brouillette (332-6623). This program is for young ladies up through the age of 16 and will meet with adult supervision at the observatory from 7:30 to 10 PM, the first and second Fridays of each month, rain or shine, starting March 8. These meetings will be training sessions in general astronomy and the use of our instruments.

Enclosed with this month's Double Dome is an up-to-date MAS membership list. New members will be listed as above in the future so members may keep their lists up to date.

It has come to our attention that a "National Junior News Notes" newsletter is being planned, the details of which have been passed to the "JOMAS" group. We sincerely hope the JOMAS group will become an active part of this much needed news letter. They have much to write about concerning the last year's activities.

FREE! A quantity of Julian Day Calendars and 1968 Planetary Phenomena pamphlets by Mr. Cornell are available. Please ask for them at the next meeting. Mr. Ray Ball, our Treasurer, has some membership cards that should be picked up.

Key holders in charge of the JOMAS observatory activity on Saturday nights for the coming month are Alvin Gillard - Mar. 9, Phil Glaser - Mar. 16, Erich Grammel - Mar. 23, Ed. Halbach - Mar. 30, Gale Highsmith - Apr. 6, Robert James - Apr. 13. Call Tim O'Dell (786-6929) or Thomas Schwartz (781-5625) about the observing program or weather.

The Icarus Observation Training Program will continue Sundays at 2 PM on Mar. 10, 24, April 7, 21 AT THE OBSERVATORY.

*Seamus Cornwall*

Double Dome Editor