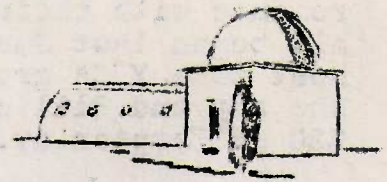




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THIS MONTH our speaker will be Harry Fease, a member who recently spent a month in Russia. He'll talk a little about astronomy there, but doesn't know enough about it to fill a whole program. He'll fill out with general interest slides of Russian life, and try to answer questions. Time is 7:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13. Place is Finney library, Sherman at North.

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THE EDITOR indignantly denies founding this newsletter to promote his own speech. The idea was Ed Halbach's, and the purpose is to publicize our efforts to blast ourselves off our fat launching pads. Since one of our immediate objectives is to finish the Buckstaff 12 inch installation, we were tempted to call this sheet the "Empty Dome." Feared somebody would mistake the title for a description of the writer.

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NINE TEAN 30 VOLUNTEERS for the observing staff turned out despite the cold two weeks ago for a planning session at the observatory. About 20 signed up for a routine nova search.

Activities will be departmentalized. Phil Glaser will head the planetary program. Richard Wend, Tom Osypowski and Tom Toan will team up on the stellar observing effort. Bob James will lead the lunar explorers. Donald Kanthun takes charge of atmospheric studies. Director Ed Halbach will supervise special projects, including the satellite program, and lend aid elsewhere as needed.

Assistant director Bill Albrecht will boss new construction. Ben Macek and Bill Konig will manage maintenance. Caroline Kliman will run the library. John Uporsky will print the DD and prepare a history book. Ralph Brichta will try his hand at a telescope making class and his wife, Shirley, will continue her efficient administration of visitors' groups.

Ed will describe the program more fully at the meeting.

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BILL ALBRECHT AND MISS ANNE ZWICKLER climaxed an astronomical romance with their wedding at Colorado Springs Dec. 22. It all began last June, when Bill substituted for Dick Fink as host to a YUCA group at the observatory. Anne saw stars in the sky and Bill saw them in her eyes. They're at home at 220 W. Hampton av. here.

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HERB CORNELL made a valuable contribution to the record and saved the society \$132 when he proved to the state that MAS is an educational institution within the meaning of the law. We need not pay inheritance tax on a bequest of \$1,357.94 from the late Roy M. Lewis. Mr. Lewis, long a teacher at Riverside high school and a society member, died in Hortonville last Apr. 19. He also willed to MAS his fine Alvin Clark five inch refractor.

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RAY BALL, our hard working treasurer, ranked 44th among 143 AAVSO observers last year, with 166 observations. Rank, name and observations for other MAS workers: 50, Richard Jend, 140; 30, Ed Halbach, 31; 65, Ralph Buckstaff, 71; 73, Tom Osypowski, 43; 129 (tie) Orin Kindt and Donald Kantham, 3 each; 135, Gordon Hall, 2.

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