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NOVA NOTES



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NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: November 17, 1972

Place: The Theatre
Nova Scotia Museum
1747 Summer Street
Halifax, N. S.

Time: 8:00 sharp

Topic: Telescopes

Speaker: Mr. Criss Purcell

All Members and guests are most welcome

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The Monthly Meeting of the Halifax Centre was held on October 20, and began at 8:00. There were 42 people in attendance. Dr. Cunningham opened the meeting, reminding members and guests to join the Society.

Howard Freeland introduced the speakers for the evening who were, Walter Zukauskas who spoke on 'Other Planetary Systems' and Dr. Peter Wangersky who spoke on 'The Origin of Life'. Dr. Cunningham thanked the speakers for an interesting evening.

Questions were put forward and answered by the speakers.

The Meeting ended at 9:30. Coffee was served.

JOTTINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Your Executive notes that there has been one ELECTION in Canada and we wanted the R.A.S.C. membership to know that there will be another ELECTION coming up at the November meeting of our Society !

When plans for this annual meeting were made, the membership was small and your executive took on the task of nominating the incoming executive. We did canvass many "elder statesmen" and sought advice wherever we could get it. In future however would you all see to it that a NOMINATING COMMITTEE is formed at about the September meeting. Here then is the slate of officers that will be put forward. Nominations from the floor will be called for.

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The guest speaker at the November meeting will be Mr. CRISS PURCELL. His subject will range over the subject of TELESCOPES, How they are built and how tested. We expect him to have some examples to show us.

I would like to take this space to thank two outgoing members of the executive. HOWARD FREELAND has devoted a tremendous amount of effort to the Society. He has been Treasurer and has provided the drive behind the rest of the Executive to get us going. Many thanks Howard. The other person we should thank is Miss MARION MACARTHUR, our splendid Secretary Editor Organizer. She has been a great help. Thank you Marion !

Murray Cunningham

NOTICES

February is the 500th anniversary of Nicholas Copernicus' birth. To celebrate this event, Dr. Iwanowska is coming to Canada on a lecture tour in January. She will give a lecture to the Halifax Centre sometime in that month. Further information concerning this will be given at a later date.

M. M.

Election of officers will be held at this meeting.

HAVE YOU READ ?

NATURE September 29th 1972

There has been a careful photographic search for "vulcan" (?) the suspected planet beyond Pluto. It wasn't seen !

Who has £ 25.00 (pounds) to spend on a facsimile edition of Copernicus' THE REVOLUTIONS OF THE HEAVENLY SPHERES ? The introduction at least will be in english. Let us hope that the University libraries get this so we can look at it on his 500th birthday.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN Oct. 1972

The Carbon Chemistry of the Moon amplifies much of what we learned at a recent meeting on the time scale of various lunar surfaces.

NATURAL HISTORY Oct. 1972

The sky reporter article is always interesting. This month tells about chunks of the outer galaxy falling in, of noctilucent clouds, and of - wait for it- naked singularities coming out of black holes. We will have to watch our language in this journal in future!

Are you a regular reader of books on astronomy? The Toronto central office of the R.A.S.C. get books from the publishers from time to time and they want reviews of these books. I told them when I was in Toronto recently that the Halifax Centre could do some of this reviewing. We may call on you then sometime to write a book review on a recent publication.

This is the only entry in the great R.A.S.C. contest. This Photograph was taken by RUSSELL HEFFLER on July 10th 1972. He will be given a group of lenses. Let's have some other entries from all of you !

