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NOTICES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS, observations, reports, and social activities should reach the editor by October 20th to be included in the November bulletin. We should also like to hear from members who are seeing stars from other latitudes or longitudes.

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STAR DUST

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Amateur Astronomers Association
Washington, D.C.

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THE SEVENTH YEAR of the Amateur Astronomers began with forty members in good standing and \$229.14 in the treasury.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS followed by a social hour took place at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Lyons on September 11th. Capt. Lyons presided at the business meeting. After the annual reports were read, the officers listed above were elected unanimously.

DR. EDGAR W. WOOLARD was meteorologist at the Weather Bureau from 1919-28; instructor of mathematics at George Washington University in 1928-29; assistant professor 1929-34; meteorologist, Weather Bureau, from 1934 to date. He was editor of the Journal of Washington Academy of Sciences 1928-30; has been editor of the Monthly Weather Review since 1936. He is a member of Geophysical Union,

Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Mathematical Assn. of America, American Meteorological Society, American Astronomical Society; Washington Philosophical Society, and N.C.A.A.A. He has contributed to various technical journals on mathematical statistics and physics, meteorological optics and physics, dynamical meteorology, and astronomy.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES is composed of four members elected for a term of four years each, except in the case of a vacancy when a trustee is elected to serve the unexpired term. The present trustees are:

- Capt. U.S. Lyons, serving fourth year of present term;
- Mr. E. C. Stanton, 4815 Battery Lane, Bethesda, Md., Wisconsin 2307, serving third year of present term;
- Mr. C. A. Peterson, 4845 V St., N.W., Woodley 2614, elected for three years to fill vacancy;
- Dr. E. W. Woolard, elected for full term.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN will be announced later.

TELESCOPE ADJUSTMENTS. If you need assistance in making minor repairs to your telescope, these people have offered to help:

- C. A. Peterson, address above
- Ralph C. Masters, 220 Sheridan St., N.W., Georgia 2613
- Edwin V. Smith, 225 5th St., S.E., Franklin 1465.

GET-ACQUAINTED DINNER

OUR NEW PRESIDENT and Mrs. Woolard will be guests of the Association at dinner on October 2d, 7:15 p.m. at the Kenesaw Apartment, 16th and Irving Streets, N.W. The Mt. Pleasant car, 16th Street bus, and Grosstcwn bus stop within a block of the Kenesaw.

THE COST per plate is \$1.25, including tip. Any members who have already paid \$1 and find it inconvenient to attend, should notify Mr. Herreshoff; Emerson 0992, by September 29th. Collection to bring the total cost per person to \$1.25 will be made at the door. Others wishing to attend should call Mr. Herreshoff on September 29th between 8 and 10 p.m. or notify the secretary before that date.

Dr. Woolard will speak informally after the dinner and a short business meeting will follow. Members not wishing to attend the dinner will be welcome to the lecture and meeting. This will be an opportunity for members and their guests to become better acquainted with Dr. and Mrs. Woolard and with each other.

DISCUSSION GROUPS for various subjects will be organized if sufficient interest warrants them. Different members may be asked in turn to lead the discussion, or each group may select its leader. Such groups may meet once a month, or whenever the members desire. Dr. Woolard has offered his assistance in the field of mathematics. Some of the materials for grinding mirrors are stored at the home of Capt. Lyons, who is willing to help telescope makers. Will some of the others volunteer their skills? Check the discussions you would like to take part in, either as leader or beginner, and return to the editor.

- General astronomy _____
- Photography _____
- Constellation and star finding _____
- Celestial navigation _____
- Mathematics _____
- Telescope making _____
- Other _____

Your name _____