RESULTS OF THE TELESCOPE INVENTORY are not yet complete. So far we have:

Portable reflectors:
7 6-in., 2 of them have no tripod and need repair.
1 4½-in. f 4 16-in. tube, "Cudlescope."

Portable refractors:
5-in., Alvin Clark, property of society.
1 3½ 4-in., 15 inches long
1-in., 12 or 15 inches long
22-in., portable tube, permanent mounting; 35 X
22-in., 4 tubes with terrestrial and astronomical eyepieces and sunshade. Professional instrument.
Own make: tripod, altazimuth mounting.

Binoculars, 1 6.5 x, 3 power not given. 1 field glasses
4 x, 1 power not given.

Other devices: 1 6" mirror. 5-in. circular map illuminated showing constellations, planets, stars to
10th magnitude. Rotated by motor.

The Observation Committee has names of the owners.
The object of such a list is to show how we stack up
as astronomers and what is available for planning
public star-gazing. Some scopes are incomplete or
need repair. The telescope making committee might
undertake to see that present equipment is finished
and in good condition by the end of the year.

MODEL OF A PLANETARIUM is actually included in the
model of postwar Washington, on view at the Corcoran
Art Gallery, on the site of the old Naval Observatory
about 23rd and C Streets. Inquiry of the Parks and
Planning Commission reveals that no one knows how it
got there, when it will be constructed, how financed,
or who started the idea. No plans have been drawn up.

"THE MIDDLE AMERICAN CALENDAR" is the topic of an
illustrated lecture to be given by Dr. M. W. Stirling
of the Smithsonian Institution, November 3d, 8 p.m.
at the National Museum.

Last June Dr. Stirling returned from Mexico after
completing the seventh successive year of archeological
exploration in southern Mexico (National Geographic So-
ciety-Smithsonian Institution Archeological Expedition),
principally in the States of Veracruz, Tabasco, Campeche,
and Chiapas. The work has been primarily in tracing out
the early Olmec culture, which apparently preceded the
classic Maya and all of the other high culture centers
of Mexico and Central America. It was this early group
who apparently introduced the Long Count calendar which
was subsequently adopted and elaborated by the Maya.
At Tres Zapotes, in Veracruz, Dr. Stirling located the
earliest date yet found in the New World; and at Cerro
de las Mesas, also in Veracruz, were found two other
monuments containing very early dates, all of these
being far outside the Maya territory. The expeditions
found many beautiful carved monuments which were the
work of these people, including colossal heads of
basalt and skillfully made altars of the same material.
Large quantities of jade were found in many of the sites,
as it was the most precious and desired material in the
possession of these people.

Last season Dr. Stirling excavated a buried temple
in a mound in the highlands of Chiapas during a period
of three months. Subsequently a new and very important
Olmec site was discovered in southern Veracruz. This
site appears to be the largest and most important ruin
of this interesting culture which has yet been discovered.

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STANDING ROOM ONLY confronted latecomers at the October meeting. A full house of 97 persons bulged the walls to hear Dr. Paul S. Watson of the Maryland Academy of Science conduct "A Voyage Through Space" via slides and motion pictures.

The time of departure was almost astronomically exact as scheduled, and with the speed of modern mechanics we were whirled to outer space, stopping for a view of each object in the solar system, phenomena of our galaxy, and neighboring universes in something like half an hour. Dr. Watson's assistant at the projectors deserves credit for his smooth operation of the two machines, which enabled the lecture to flow rapidly without a break.

MR. ROYLAND, president of the Jacksonville Astronomical Society was there. His society is primarily interested in photography, nebulae especially. They have built several telescopes, some as large as 12 in. They are campaigning for $30,000 to build an observatory and have the promise of a good photographic telescope when it is completed.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE listed below has held two meetings to discuss duties of officers and general administrative affairs. It promises a report of the matters considered, its findings and recommendations "soon." The next session will be November 15th, 8 p.m. at the home of Major and Mrs. Windham.

Leo Scott  Bianca Windham
Ray E. Windham  Clarence A. Peterson
Eugene S. Henning  Clarence deW. Herrshoff
Helen Harris  U. S. Lyons
Edgar W. Wooldl  Mabel Sterns

PRINTED HANDOUTS have been authorized for distribution to visitors at the Observatory on Navy Day. Frequent calls there ask where to find a group in astronomy. Surplus handbills will be used at meetings.

NAVAL OBSERVATORY RESUMES PUBLIC OBSERVATION NIGHTS on Navy Day and every Thursday thereafter. Once more the welcome mat is out, the Marine guards are gone, no frisking at the gate. Write well in advance for free tickets.

STEPHEN NAGY DIES

The death of Stephen Nagy on September 26th was a great shock to the National Capital Amateur Astronomers Association. If any one man could be credited with fostering the early growth of the Association, it was Mr. Nagy. It was he who managed to convince the Naval Observatory that amateurs had a contribution to make to the cause of astronomy, and who, as the first president of our organization, led its activities for five years.

An optical worker at the Navy Yard, Mr. Nagy was keenly interested in telescope making and personally supervised the grinding of many mirrors. For several years he taught classes at Central High School for those interested in constructing small telescopes at low cost. He also took an active part in our observational meetings at the Naval Observatory and in the public parks. Throughout the years he insisted that there should be a planetarium in the nation's capital, and bent every effort toward interesting influential people in his dream, a dream yet to be realized.

Although he had to leave the society when his work took him to Chicago in 1942, amateur astronomy was always close to his heart. It was by no means his only interest, however, for among his hobbies he enjoyed music, painting, microscopy, and photography.

Mr. Nagy's jovial and cheerful personality will be greatly missed in the Association, and we wish to express our sincere sympathy to his nearest relatives.

---Helen Lyons Harris

Between the Planets, by Fletcher G. Watson.
Earth, Moon, and Planets, by Fred L. Whipple.