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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 1 Sat. "Spectroscopy of the Sun from Rockets,"
Dr. R. C. Tousy, 8:15 p. m., Commerce
Auditorium.
- Oct. 5 Wed. Open house Naval Observatory.
- Oct. 6 Thurs. Young Memorial Observatory open for
viewing total eclipse of the moon.
Call the Rotbarts, EM-0119.
- Oct. 15 Sat. Technical Discussion Group, 8:00 p. m.
Department of Commerce Foyer.
- Oct. 18 Tues. Regular observation night at NCA 5-inch,
Naval Observatory.
- Oct. 20 Thurs. Open house Young Memorial Observatory.
- Oct. 23 Sun. National Capital Parks Star Outing.
Campfire Site, 16th & Colorado.
8:00 p. m.
- Oct. 30 Sun. National Capital Parks Star Outing.

Monday and Tuesday, 7-10 p. m. Telescope making class,
Roosevelt High School, 13th and Upshur, N. W. Miss
Irene Warthen, instructor. Telephone SH 9451

DR. R. C. TOUSY, of the Optics Division of the Naval
Research Laboratory in charge of rocket spectroscopy,
will discuss the problems of rocket spectroscopy and
the results obtained in spectra of the sun during recent
rocket flights when he speaks to NCA October 1. Several
spectroscopes belonging to members will be on exhibit.

A COMMITTEE, consisting of Mr. E. F. Reed and Mr. Leroy Benfer, was appointed to nominate a representative from the NCA for the Middle East Regional Council of the Astronomical League. The nomination will be brought before the members for vote at the October meeting. The vacancy on the Regional Council occurred when our present representative, Bob Wright, was elected Regional Chairman of the Middle East Region.

The same committee has been requested to present the names of one or two persons for election as Vice-President of the NCA. The nominations will be made in November for vote at the December meeting. Dr. Clay P. Butler has found it necessary to resign from this office as his work will require him to be out of town the beginning of January.

KATHERINE KOETZ is moving to Lewinsville, Virginia. This is near McLeans beyond Chain Bridge. Her post office there is Magarity Road, R. F. D. #2, Falls Church, Virginia. She hopes to have NCA'ers bring their telescopes out and visit before long.

Publications of Interest

The Chicago Round Table on WRC at 1:30 p. m. September 4 discussed "The Origin of the Earth." Participants were Gerard P. Kuiper, Professor of Astronomy, University of Chicago; Harrison S. Brown, Institute of Nuclear Studies, University of Chicago; Dirkter Haar, Visiting Professor of Physics, Purdue; and Hubert Wildt, Professor of Astrophysics, Yale University.

Interesting pamphlet containing the discussion, plus several other papers on the subject, can be obtained by sending 10 cents in coin to University of Chicago Round Table, Chicago 37, Illinois.

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ELEVEN MEMBERS have indicated their interest in the course in elementary astronomy that is to be given by the NCA. Notice of the first meeting of the class for organization will be mailed in the near future.

HARRIET HUTZLER has resigned her position as physicist with the National Bureau of Standards to pursue further studies in astronomy at the University of Michigan. Her schedule of courses are something to make one envious. We're counting on her to be the first woman astronomer from the ranks of NCA. Best of luck to you, Harriet!

CARROLL SLEMAKER writes the following from Campus Guild, 2804 Whitis Avenue, Austin, Texas: "Dear NCA'ers, Greetings from the University of Texas. Now that I am in the vicinity of a telescope once more, you may be able to take me into your 'active' bunch."

APPROXIMATELY 50 MEMBERS AND 100 VISITORS turned out for the first lecture of the season when Dr. Bancroft W. Sitterly spoke on "The Shape of the Universe."

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