

At Oak Ridge, on the other hand, we saw the very newest in astronomical equipment, the Schmidt and the 61-inch Wyeth reflector. Several of us were fortunate enough to get a ride on the hoisting equipment which positions the observing astronomer at the eyepiece of the big mirror.

We heard some very fine astronomical lectures. Two were given by Dr. Shapley, one by Dr. John C. Duncan, and one by Dr. William A. Calder. There were many extremely interesting shorter talks given by noted professional astronomers and outstanding amateurs, as well as several Sections of papers. In addition, a panel of experts, consisting of several leading professional astronomers, provided us with a lively evening discussing and disputing the pros and cons of many astronomical questions which we were given the opportunity to present to them.

A delightful social occasion was the tea given on Monday afternoon in Tower Court Great Hall. The fourth of July was given over to a tour of historical Concord and Lexington. Mr. Charles A. Federer, Jr., Chairman of the Convention, and the host clubs, the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston, American Association of Variable Star Observers, and the Bond Astronomical Club, seemed to have forgot nothing which might contribute to making every hour of the convention an occasion to remember.

--- Jewell Boling

CONVENTION PLANS FOR 1951. Serious consideration is being given to North Carolina on the date of the annular eclipse of the sun, September 1, Labor Day. The center of the eclipse follows a path near Chapel Hill, location of the Morehead Planetarium. The Middle East Region, which would hold its convention concurrently, has offered to assist in putting on this convention if the North Carolina site is chosen.

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JULY-AUGUST CALENDAR

- July 1-4 Astronomical League 1950 General Convention
 Wellesley College and Whitin Observatory
 Wellesley, Massachusetts
 Harvard College Observatories
 Cambridge and Oak Ridge Stations
 - July 5 National Capital Parks "Campfire Walk-Nic",
 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Meet at Picnic Grove No. 17 on Glover Road, just south of Military Road and Oregon Avenue in Rock Creek Park.
 - July 19 Open house Naval Observatory.
 - July 26 National Capital Parks "Campfire Walk-Nic."
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 - Aug. - Date to be announced by flyer. Astronomy picnic to be held in Richmond, Virginia, for the Richmond, Norfolk, and Washington, D.C. societies.
 - Aug. 11 National Capital Astronomers picnic and meteor observing. Flyer will be sent giving time and place.
 - Aug. 16 National Capital Parks "Campfire Walk-Nic".
 - Aug. 23 Open house Naval Observatory.
 - Aug. 30 Open house Naval Observatory.
- Telescope making class, see article inside.

TELESCOPE MAKING CLASS. During the summer months with the slow down of activities Roosevelt School will be closed Fridays. The telescope making class will be continued on Tuesdays of each week during the summer. For any further information call Miss Irene Warthen 10-5-1237.

MR. DAVID ROTBART has found it necessary to resign as trustee of the National Capital Astronomers. He took office last September and his term of office was for four years. In accordance with the by-laws of the NCA it will be necessary to hold a special election to fill the vacancy.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION. Due to the resignation of Mr. David Rotbart as trustee a special election will be held at the regular September meeting of the NCA. Nominations for this election will be made from the floor. The person elected will take office immediately and will hold office until September 1953.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS PROGRAM. Due to the resignation of Mr. David Rotbart who was coordinating the programs of the NCA and the National Capital Parks, Mr. E. H. Jones has taken over the job. He will notify people of the coming dates, so that telescopes will be on hand, arrange for commentators for both the star outings and "Walk-Nics". Those until September 1 are included in the calendar.

THE FIRST STAR OUTING on the National Capital Parks program was held at Fort Reno Park Sunday evening, June 25. Only two small telescopes were present, it was the first clear night for this event this year, and the best crowd of nearly 75 people in attendance. They enjoyed the evening very much.

AARON HERSCHFELD AND LEO M. CARROLL, JR., former NCA members, attended the Wellesley Convention. NCA'ers were glad to see both of them again.

REPORT ON LEAGUE CONVENTION AT WELLESLEY. The following from the National Capital Astronomers attended: Bob Wright, E. J. Jones, Grace Scholz, Mabel Sterns, Janet Perkins, Eugene Henning, Leroy Benfer, Margaret Glock, I. H. Halpern, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Walls, Louise Horton, Miles Davis, Irene Warthen, Mrs. Reginald W. Geare, Robert Rhynsburger, Selah P. Young, and Jewell Boling.

The Astronomical League's new officers are as follows:

President: Charles H. LeRoy, Amateur Astronomers' Association of Pittsburgh
 Vice-President: Carl P. Richards, Portland Astronomical Society
 Secretary: Roy L. Dodd, Milwaukee Astronomical Society
 Treasurer: William C. Oberem, Amateur Telescope Makers and Observers of Buffalo
 Executive secretary: Grace C. Scholz, National Capital Astronomers

The convention was attended by 225 persons. It was hailed widely by those attending as "the finest in the history of the Astronomical League". This is saying a great deal, remembering Cleveland, Milwaukee, and other conventions, not to mention such regional conventions as New York and Norfolk.

Tower Court, where we stayed at Wellesley, overlooks a beautiful lake. The Wellesley grounds are lovely and the New England weather was perfect during the convention, particularly at night when the Outdoor Schools for Observers at Whitin Observatory were being held. There was a splendid auroral display one night.

We visited two of the Harvard College Observatory Stations -- Cambridge and Oak Ridge. In Cambridge we saw the oldest telescope in the United States, the fifteen-inch refractor on which the first celestial photography was accomplished--just one hundred years ago this month.