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THE NCA 5" ALVAN CLARK TELESCOPE has been moved from its former location at the Naval Observatory. It will now be housed in another building at the Naval Observatory, which promises to give an increased view of the heavens. The telescope will be out of commission for about a month while it is being remounted. Leo Scott, Morgan Cilley, and Bob Wright are taking care of the details.

PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE COMING YEAR. If you are interested in any phase of the club's activities, or have ideas which might be carried out this year, please get in touch with the President. Also, if you have a suggestion for speakers or subjects for lectures this next year, let us know.

STAR-STRUCK

I've dreamed of spiral nebulae
And other telescopic lore-
Andromeda, the Pleiades
Will charm me evermore.

Ursa Major is a wonder
No one can deny--
And when I see the Milky Way
All spilt across the sky . . .

The petty cares are gone like mist
While Earth has shrunk to size-
And I have rapture in my heart
And stardust in my eyes.

----NCA'er Dorothy Lamore

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AUGUST CALENDAR

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Aug. 10 PERSEID METEOR COUNT. Bob and Janet Wright's.

Aug. 12 WALK-PICNIC-STAR OBSERVATION. With National Capital Parks. Fort Reno Park, 40th and Chesapeake Sts., N. W. 9-11 a. m.

Late August OCCULTATION PARTY - Plans to be announced.

Tuesday and Friday, 7-10 p.m. Telescope Making Class, Roosevelt High School, Room 319, 13th and Upshur Sts, N. W. Miss Irene Warthen, Instructor. Telephone Lockwood 5-1237. Miss Warthen is present on Fridays.

THE ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE CONVENTION in Dallas, Texas, July 3-7, 1952, was attended by five from the NCA, Grace Scholz, Mabel Sterns, Lyle Johnson, and Bob and Janet Wright. Over 220 were registered. All meetings and exhibits were held in the air-conditioned Fondren Science Building of the Southern Methodist University. Thanks to that and air-conditioned motels and eating places we were able to enjoy the convention program. The Star Party, to which Dallas people were invited, drew a good-sized crowd, although the skies were not too cooperative. During the session Friday morning reports were read from many of the 64 member societies. The Activities

Committee suggested the following aims for the League for the coming year: (1) Continue program of group training; (2) Be of service to community (star parties, speakers to science classes); (3) Teach astronomy to our own members; (4) Carry out fund-raising activity for other than our own use (possibly as a fellowship); (5) Publish an Observing Manual.

The Junior Session on Friday afternoon was very well attended. Several of the Fort Worth Junior Astronomy Club members took part. An outstanding part of the convention was one exhibit room which was completely filled by exhibits made by the Fort Worth Juniors. Their efforts show what can be accomplished, and the general feeling was that we wish there were more Junior leaders of the excellence of their instructor, Miss Charlie Noble.

The Panel of Experts on Friday evening was again a popular part of the Convention. At the Saturday business session we learned that the Southwest Region had been formally organized, to add a new region to the Astronomical League. We also learned that the League convention in 1954 will be held July 3-4-5 at Madison, Wisconsin, preceded by a total eclipse of the sun in the northern part of Wisconsin on June 30. The date and place of the 1953 convention was not set.

Election of officers was held, and all officers were elected in line with the single slate of officers presented by the nominating committee: President, Rolland LaPelle of Springfield, Massachusetts; Vice-President, Dr. Herman Schested of Fort Worth, Texas; Secretary, James H. Karle of Portland, Oregon; Treasurer, Russell C. Maag of Centralia, Missouri. The term of Executive Secretary held by Miss Grace Scholz does not expire for another year.

There were many excellent papers presented which will be published in the Proceedings. If you wish a copy, please advise Miss Scholz. After the close of the convention a bus load and several private cars made the trip to McDonald Observatory and Carlsbad Caverns, a trip lasting three days. We have heard that this trip was really a highlight of the convention. Only Lyle Johnson from the Washington group made this trip. It seems impossible to say that each convention is better than the last, but such a story seems to be true of the Dallas Convention.

---Janet Wright

MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL CONVENTION will be held in Detroit, Friday and Saturday, September 5-6. Details have been slow in reaching the NCA, but we hope that some of our members can attend.

METEOR OBSERVING. All NCA members are invited out to Bob and Janet Wright's to count Perseid meteors on Sunday evening, August 10. Come any time after dusk and stay as late as you wish. Be sure to bring along something to sit on. Also bring along some insect repellent.

OCCULTATION. Another occultation party will be held late in August. Plans are not complete at this time but all members will be advised by card.

TELESCOPE MAKING CLASS ON TELEVISION. On Friday, July 18 movies were taken of the telescope making class in action, for use on a television program the following Wednesday. We hope to procure a copy of the 200 feet of film for later use.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES with the National Capital Parks include two programs of walk-picnic-star observation. The dates for these are July 29 and August 12. We will ask for a few telescopes on each occasion.