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NOVEMBER MEETING !!

The November meeting of the Edmonton Centre will be held Thursday evening, November 9th, at 8:15 p.m., in the Planetarium lecture room. The film "Universe" will be shown at this meeting. If you have not yet seen this film, we are sure you will regard it as a masterpiece, and a work of art. Those who have seen it before will be appreciative of the opportunity to see it again. After the business session, members are invited to adjourn to the Planetarium Theatre for the current program - "East of the Sun".

PROFESSOR GADS ADDRESSES ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

The Edmonton Centre held its first meeting for the 1961-62 season, in the Corona Hotel, Coronation Room, Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 p.m. The new Executive and Council formally elected at this meeting were as follows:

Honorary President: Prof. E. S. Keeping	Past President: F.C.J.T. Loehde
President: Ian C. McLennan	Librarian: Mr. F. Jensen
Vice President: Dr. L. E. H. Trainor	Observers' Representative: W. Cable
Secretary: Mr. Alex Stockwell	Social Convenor: Mrs. M. Jensen
Treasurer: Dr. H. A. MacGregor	Assistant Secretary: Mrs. A. McLennan

A General Assembly Committee was appointed, consisting of: Past President Loehde (Chairman), Mrs. M. Jensen, and Mr. W. Cable; with power to add. (Bear in mind that Edmonton is host to the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada General Assembly, May 19th and 20th.)

The evening was highlighted with a talk given by Professor L. E. Gads, recently returned from study in Paris. While in Europe, Professor Gads, accompanied by Mrs. Gads and their family made many trips abroad; on one occasion to the Soviet Union. The talk, beautifully illustrated with slides, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

At the Annual Dinner meeting, as is the usual custom, the out-going president Franklin Loehde, gave his report reviewing R.A.S.C. activities in Edmonton. He outlined some of the year's highlights:

1) Loss of the University Observatory - an unfortunate event, the prime result of which was a relatively inactive year for the Observers' Group. (continued)

President's Report (continued)

2) National Meeting - Toronto: Edmonton's representation at this, and previous National meetings has earned a great deal of recognition for the work of the Edmonton Centre, and the chance to host the first General Assembly ever to be held in Western Canada.

3) Star Nights - These highly successful evenings have done much to present Astronomy to a great number of people, and have added to our financial resources at a time when money was much needed.

He urged that the practise of holding public Star Parties should be continued.

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One of the most difficult jobs facing a Society such as the R.A.S.C. is keeping the mailing list up to date. In the case of the Edmonton Centre, the situation has become serious, but also a little bit humorous. Recently, in order to publicize our Annual Dinner Meeting, our Telephone Committee swung into action, and called everyone on our most recent (?) list. About twenty people responded with at least some knowledge of what the R.A.S.C. is....the rest had moved away, (in some cases three years ago) had lost interest in Astronomy; or thought the R.A.S.C. had folded.

Unfortunately, because of this situation, many one-time members have failed to receive their monthly copies of Stardust, and therefore have lost touch with the Centre. If we stretch our imagination to the limit, we might imagine some fellow in the Dead Letter Department of the Canada Post Office, awaiting with keen interest, the inevitable monthly arrival of the words of wisdom and astronomical knowledge that have made "Stardust" a deeply respected publication - - in the Dead Letter Office.

