

January, 1962.

REGULAR MEETING... JANUARY 11th.

A regular monthly meeting of the Edmonton Centre, R.A.S.C. will be held on Thursday, January 11th, at 8:15pm, in the Queen Elizabeth Planetarium.

We will have with us as our guest at that time, Mr. Jack Grant of the Meanook Meteor Observatory, 90 miles north of Edmonton. Mr. Grant, who is familiar to many Edmonton Centre members, returned to Alberta this fall after spending several months in Ottawa, where he conducted statistical surveys on observations made at Alberta's Meteor Observatories -- Meanook and Newbrook.

We had also hoped to have Eldon Rogers of the Calgary Centre speak to our group about Calgary's very successful program, "Operation Moonwatch." However, Mr. Rogers will not be able to attend our meeting, and has expressed the desire of addressing our Centre at some date in the near future.

As we have a busy evening scheduled for Thursday evening, all members are urged to arrive on time for proceedings to begin at 8:15 pm, sharp.

CAR POOL

Because of the difficulty involved for some people without cars in attending meetings at the planetarium, it is highly desirable that a car pool be organized. Would anyone either requiring transportation, or offering to assist in the operation of a car pool, please contact George Williams at Thursday's meeting, or by phone during the day, at GL5-0119.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, R.A.S.C.

Plans for the General Assembly of the R.A.S.C. are now becoming more definite as the dates May 18-20th draw closer every day. Several meetings of the General Assembly Committee have already been held, and another meeting scheduled for this weekend will be reported upon by the Committee Chairman, Franklin Loehde.

The success of the National meeting, however, is not going to depend solely on Mr. Loehde's committee. The purpose of this body is to correlate all ideas and suggestions relating to the meeting, and to delegate various jobs out to those wishing to help in this venture. It is hoped that everyone in the Edmonton Centre will do his part in making the General Assembly a memorable occasion for everyone who attends.

REPORT FROM BILL CABLE:

The Observers' Group have been getting their feet wet (observing, that is) -- searching the heavens for Messier objects. Three group meetings have already been held, and things appear to be shaping up for a good year. However, there is still a shortage of members. A reminder: Regular meetings of the Observers' Group are held every Thursday evening, at 8:30 pm, at the Planetarium. In the coming sessions, a study of the constellations will be made.

WELCOME HOME!

The Edmonton Centre of the R.A.S.C. takes pleasure in welcoming back to Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Wright. Mr. Wright, who is Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Edmonton, has been in Michigan for several months on a study course leading to an M.Sc degree in Parks and Recreation management. While in the U.S., he was accompanied by his wife, and young son, John. Mr. Wright will remain in Edmonton through the summer before returning to Michigan for the second and final stage of his study course.

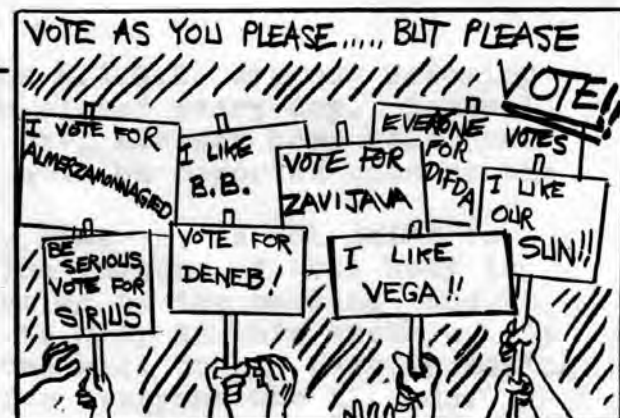
FRED JENSEN SAYS.... that if he, like the Public Library, were to fine everyone two cents a day for overdue books, he could go back to Japan. Do you suppose he's trying to tell us something?

If you're really fed up with the northern climate, come to Rio de Janeiro for an hour, or so. To the tune of tropical music, we can at least, stir your imagination in the Planetarium presentation for the month of January. During this month, the skies visible from the southern hemisphere are depicted. Features such as the Magellanic Clouds are described, as well as the southern cross, the southern crown, and Centaurus. Even a Water-pump has found its way into the mythology of the southern heavens.

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