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SUMMER MEETINGS CANCELED - Prop. 13 blamed

The Jarvis-Gann property tax reform initiative, mandated by California voters on June 6th, spelled swift state-wide economic, social and political change, the echoes of which are being heard nationally.

But one need not look far to see the effects. Your LAAS Board of Directors received notice from the California Museum of Science & Industry that its facilities will be unavailable to us during evening hours as a result of a slashed state budget. As a consequence, the July and August meetings have been canceled. Meetings will resume in September--the second Monday, as usual--at Griffith Planetarium.

In lieu of the July meeting, members are encouraged to participate in ASTRONOMY WEST 78, the joint conference of the Western Amateur Astronomers, Astronomical Association of Northern California, the Association of Lunar and Planetary Observers and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, to be held at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, July 27 - 30. See last month's BULLETIN, or write to Clyde Tichenor, 15524 Cohasset St., Van Nuys, CA 91406, or phone (213) 781-8733.

The Library Column - Lu Rarogiewicz

To make books available to members during the summer hiatus, the LAAS library will be open between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. on the following evenings: July 13, August 3 and 31st (open at 8 p.m. that eve.) The library will return to the Monday openings with the September 11th regular general meeting.

Departing from usual procedure, the Thursday openings will permit browsing. To see or sign out books, a current LAAS membership card must be presented to the librarian. Junior members must have either a parent or senior LAAS member present who is willing to sign and take full responsibility for books checked out. The library is located in the dome of the Griffith Observatory Zeiss telescope (the left or east dome as you approach the building).

NEW ACQUISITIONS now added to the library:

- "All About Telescopes" by Sam Brown
- "Amateur Telescope Making - Volume III"
- "Astronomy, A Handbook for Amateur Astronomers" by Günter Roth (kindly donated by member Joel E. White)
- "Astrophotography, From Film to Infinity"
- "Burnham's Celestial Handbook" - Vols. I & II
- "Deep Sky Objects" by Jack Newton
- "Double Star Ephemeris to the Year 2000"
- "Double Star Observers Handbook" (Webb Soc.)
- "Mathematical Astronomy for Amateurs" by Beet
- "Norton's Star Atlas"
- "Time and Frequency User's Manual" (NBS)

CALL FOR MEMBER INPUT - What kind of acquisitions would you like to see in the LAAS library? One suggestion has been to obtain programs (software) of astronomical and related interest for use with pro-

grammable calculators and home computers. However, the librarian needs to know what kinds of programs are desired for which model calculators and in what computer languages. Your response will determine the items to be acquired. Call the LAAS librarian, Lu Rarogiewicz, at (213) 257-9662 with your ideas or just to rap.

SKY & TELESCOPE BACK ISSUES - Thanks to the generous donation of Life member Edwin Mack, the library has again older issues for sale (the proceeds to be used for new acquisitions). Available are complete sets and single issues for 1958 through 1964 and 1967 through 1976. Contact the librarian (at number above) for specifics and to reserve copies. Remember, first to call gets first choice - Undawdle!!

Book Report - by Ed Ehrhart

Celestial Objects for Common Telescopes, Vol. II by the Rev. T. W. Webb deals with objects beyond the solar system. Originally written in 1859 (when the Andromeda nebula was only suspected by some as being extra-galactic) it consists of detailed catalogs describing the exquisite beauty of the heavens. It is definitely worth consulting prior to a night of observing. Revised by Margaret W. Mayall, director of the American Association of Variable Star Observers, and republished in paperback by the Dover Press, this book is still a classic.

Most books in the LAAS library may be checked out by any member. See Lu Rarogiewicz in the Griffith telescope dome after any regular meeting (see "Library Column" above for other times during the summer months).

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AstroAds

FOR SALE: Celestron 8 complete. Special coatings, tripod, wedge, Tuthill precision Polaris pointer, full aperture sun filter. 3 months old. Perfect, new condition. Asking \$1000. Dennis Carone, 10009 Desoto Av., #230, Chatsworth, CA 91311, phone (213) 998-4466.

FOR SALE: 8-inch F/8 newtonian reflector. Cal-Astro optics, massive Bill Schaeffer mount with sidereal drive, remote slow motions for both axes. 6-inch F/6 guidescope with Coulter optics for above scope. 8-ft. diameter observatory dome on 8-ft. square solid wood base. Dome is all aluminum with vertical slit system, with full zenith observing clearance. Manual rotation on 4-inch bearing wheels. All the above for \$1750. In excellent condition. Steve Shapiro, 6324 Aura, Reseda, CA 91335, or phone (213) 881-8185.

FOR SALE: The Telescope by Bell (a rare classic), The Present and Future of the Telescope of Moderate Size, edited by F. Bradshaw Wood. Both volumes highly prized. Lew Chilton, (213) 836-4616, evenings.

Save for Reference

1978 Star Party Season at Lockwood Valley

- * ~~MAY 6~~
- * ~~JUNE 3~~
- * ~~JULY 1~~
- * AUG. 5
- * SEP. 2
- * SEP. 30

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