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GENERAL NOTES

Astronomical Society of the Pacific.—The annual summer meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific will be held in conjunction with the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, June 15 to 20, 1953, at Santa Barbara, California. The program committee is: Horace W. Babcock, Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories, chairman; George Herbig, Lick Observatory; John G. Phillips, University of California, Berkeley; K. O. Wright, Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Victoria; and Professor John E. Cushing, Santa Barbara College. Titles of papers to be read at this meeting should reach the program committee by May 1.

Among the Amateurs.—The Seattle Astronomy Club has elected for its officers in 1953: Norman Dalke, president; Michael Shean, vice-president; Forrest Ritscher, secretary-treasurer; Leonard Schaefer, steward; John E. Adams, sergeant-at-arms; Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Grondal, Jim Mays, and A. P. Patton, trustees. Meetings of the club are held on the second Friday of each month at the Rainier Playfield Fieldhouse on Oregon Street, just off Rainier Avenue, in South Seattle.

At the January 12 meeting of the Central Valley Astronomers, held in the administration building of Fresno State College, Dr. Clarence P. Custer presented an illustrated astronomical lecture and described the construction and operation of his own telescopes. At the February meeting Central Valley Astronomers celebrated the first anniversary of the founding of their society.

From Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories.—Dr. Philip C. Keenan, of the Perkins Observatory, spent January and February as a guest investigator observing and continuing his investigation of S-type stars.

Dr. William Abbot, assistant professor of astronomy at the University of Athens, Greece, has been in the United States on a Fulbright scholarship. He spent two months at the Observatory of the University of Michigan, at the Yerkes Observatory, and at the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories.

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Recent visitors were: Erika Vitense, of Kiel University, now at the University of California on a fellowship given by the American Association of University Women; John G. Phillips, of the University of California; Pol Swings, director of the Institute of Astrophysics of the University of Liége, Belgium; and J. Allen Hynek of the Perkins Observatory.

Personal notes.—Dr. S. Chandrasekhar, professor of astronomy at the University of Chicago, has been awarded the gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society of London, one of the highest awards in the field of astronomy, for his contributions to mathematical astrophysics. In 1952 he was awarded the Bruce Medal of the A.S.P., and a brief account of his career appeared in the April 1952 issue of these *Publications*.

The Royal Astronomical Society of London has also awarded the Eddington Medal to Canon G. Lemaître, of Louvain University, for his work on the expansion of the universe, and the Jackson-Gwilt Medal and gift to J. P. M. Prentice, for his contributions to the study of meteors.

Dr. Edwin P. Hubble of the Mount Wilson and Palomar Observatories will give the George Darwin Lecture of the Royal Astronomical Society of London on May 8, 1953. On May 12 he will also give the Cormack Lecture of the Royal Society of Edinburgh; and on May 15 the "Friday Evening Discourse" of the Royal Institution of London.

Ida Barney, research associate in astronomy at Yale University, was awarded the Annie J. Cannon Prize at the winter meeting of the American Astronomical Society for her "distinguished contribution to astronomy." The prize was established in 1934 to honor outstanding women in astronomy. Women in all countries are eligible to receive the prize, which is offered not oftener than once every three years. Miss Barney was cited for her work on the thirteen-volume Yale Photographic Zone Catalogue, which required a half-million measurements and twenty-three years of computational work before it was completed in 1950.

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OBITUARY NOTICES

Miss Louise Ware, computer at the Mount Wilson Observatory from 1906 until her retirement in 1942, died in Pasadena, California, on February 23, 1953, at the age of 77. During the last two years she suffered severe injuries, first from an automobile accident, and, more recently, from a fall in her home.

After graduating from Vassar College she started her astronomical career in 1902, at the Yerkes Observatory, measuring stellar parallaxes under Dr. Frank Schlesinger. In July 1906 she came to Pasadena as one of the pioneer group under George Ellery Hale, at the Mount Wilson Observatory. One of her first projects there was the measurement of calcium clouds on the sun to determine the sun's rotation period. Later, with Charles E. St. John, she made extensive measurements of lines in the solar spectrum to get their accurate wave lengths and to determine the period of solar rotation at different distances from the sun's equator. She was one of the co-authors of the first revision of Rowland's Preliminary Table of Solar Spectrum Wave Lengths. In the early days of photographic photometry she operated most successfully one of the first microphotometers at the Observatory. Following her retirement, she took part in a war research project at the California Institute of Technology. She was very conscientious in all she did and maintained the highest scientific standards throughout her long career.

Harry L. Freeman, one of the directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, died on February 27, 1953, at the age of 64. Mr. Freeman, who was very active in the Los Angeles Astronomical Society, was chosen by the Board of Representatives of the Western Amateur Astronomers to represent them on the Board of Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

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