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XMAS PARTY

Again this year for the December meeting, to continue our custom of many years standing for the Yule season, we'll deviate from our standard abstruse and erudite meeting format, for, as the poet said;

A little nonsense now and then

Is relished by the sagest men. (slightly paraphrased)

Sunday, December, 6 is the date of the Society's Christmas Party to be held in the Lorain Co. Savings and Trust Co.'s Community Room in Amherst on the corner of Church and Cleveland Streets starting at 6:00 P.M. Prizes are to be given in competitive games to be conducted by Helen Rick. There will be 3-D color slide show report of a trip to Denver to the League convention last August and other usual kid stuff for your amusement. And we're graduating from the "white elephant" to a one dollar (\$1.00) gift exchange. Lady buy for lady and man buy for man. Please so designate on the package. Last but by no means least important are the refreshments each one is to bring in the form of sandwiches, cakes, cookies and confections - take your choice. Program Planning will furnish liquid refreshments. Be sure to bring your family and boy and/or girl friends. Invitations are being sent to former members of the Society to attend this, our 15th anniversary Xmas meeting. Many of us will look forward to renewing old acquaintances.

BOARD MEETINGS

At the September 20 meeting the Board voted to buy a 2.4" refractor telescope. When received, it, as well as the Society's 4" reflector will be available for use by members of the Society on application to G. Diedrich or the secretary. Borrowers must of course assume full responsibility for safe keeping of the instruments.

It was also decided to hold Active membership dues at \$7.50 in spite of the increase in cost of subscription to Sky and Telescope magazine. The increase, incidentally, automatically reduced the Family membership rate to \$3.50. Junior and Associate members still pay only \$1.00. By the way, if you haven't already done so please send your check to the treasurer for the dues which became due on November first. Your promptness will insure the uninterrupted continuity of your subscription to "Sky" magazine. Please note that your membership now is a bigger bargain than ever. Since a subscription now costs \$6.00 your membership in B.R.A.S. costs you only \$1.50 per year. The treasurer's address is 685 N. Ridge Rd. E. Lorain, Ohio. Zip Code #44052.

The Board approved membership applications from;

Chester Franklin, Wakenan, O. for Active membership,
Robert Davey, Lorain, O. for Junior membership,
Jere Simonsen, Elyria, O. for Active membership,
Virginia Simonsen, Elyria, O. for Associate membership.

New Directors C. Breckinridge and D. Lucas at their first Board meeting on October 31 helped to elect W. S. Sipple to the chair of the Society, Thos. Beam to the Vice-presidency and L. Rick as Secretary and Treasurer.

At the November 8 meeting President Sipple's selection of committee chairmen was unanimously approved. They are; Archives - H. Rick, Library - J. Rick, Membership - G. Whithead, Nominating - J. Gregg, Program Planning - T. Beam, Technical