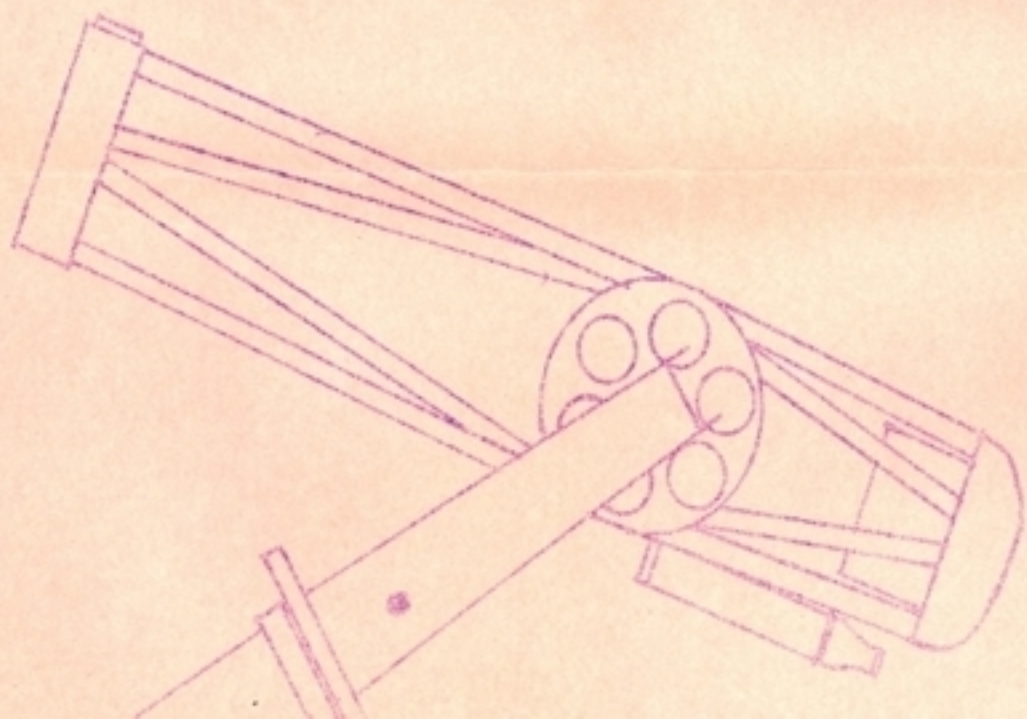


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Our next meeting will be held Monday evening, May 22 at Phoenix College in the Band room at 7:45 P.M.

At this meeting a beautiful bronze plaque will be presented to Professor Hoff, dedicating his work on the 2 1/2 inch reflector telescope and naming it for him. This plaque will be mounted on the telescope later. The plaque reads as follows:

PHOENIX COLLEGE OBSERVATORY	
ESTABLISHED 1940	
PHX OBS. ASS'N	JUNE 1961
AMOS H. HOFF REFLECTOR	
1948	COMPLETED 1957
APERTURE 2 1/2 IN.	FOCAL LENGTH 176 IN.

The program will be as follows:

Open discussion and forum. Mr. Willard Groene will tell us something about the "old" days and then present Dean Robert J. Hannelly of the College, who on behalf of the board of directors of the Phoenix Union High School and Phoenix College District and the Phoenix Observatory Association, will present the plaque to Professor Hoff.

Mr. Willard Groene will present a showing of colored slides on the first United States Observatory and on the grinding of our own 2 1/2 inch mirror.

In behalf of the Phoenix Observatory Association, Mrs. Herb Saladin and Mrs. Howard Miskimen will serve refreshments. This will be a festive occasion and would like to have a large crowd. Will all members please make a special effort to attend, and guests are invited.

We will then go out to the observatory and look over the telescope and possibly look at the moon which will be in a favorable phase.

Perhaps Professor Hoff will want to see how the plaque fits on the telescope. This is a surprise to our good Professor, so please keep him.

On behalf of the Phoenix College and the Phoenix Observatory Ass'n., the Bulletin wishes to thank Professor Hoff for the many wonderful years of his valuable time, knowledge, and the hard work which he has so graciously given to all, and to Mrs. Hoff for the hours spent without his company.

Professor Hoff came to Phoenix College in 1937. He is now Chairman of the Engineering Department. He has a B.A. degree Manchester College, M.S. Degree Northwestern University, Graduate Study U. of A., Indiana U., Arizona State College, U. of Chicago, Arizona State U., And Bethany Biblical Seminary.

By way of a little history in regard to the club and to the Telescope. The first meeting of the Phoenix Observatory Ass'n. was held November 15, 1948, at Phoenix College. William A. Rhodes was elected President, and Cody Hutson Secretary-Treasurer. The charter members were as follows; Bill Rhodes, Cody Hutson, Amos Hoff, James Corn, James Wells, J. D. Roeder, Paul E. Griffin, Thomas A. Frye, Floyd P. Lyon, S. Ray Booher, Lewis Lamore, John Ericson and Carl Ericson.

When it was all set to build the telescope, Dean Hamelly made the first stroke on the grinding of the mirror. Willard Groene tells of many cold winter nights spent in the vicinity of 12th Street and Missouri, around a kerosene stove, grinding, grinding, grinding. Professor Hoff carried the mirror in his car to the coast to have it coated. The Phoenix College paid for the materials and the Association did the work. Many people have spent hours on the telescope. It was a big undertaking, and must have seemed impossible at the start. It is a job well done!

The committee responsible for the beautiful bronze plaque is to be heartily congratulated on the very fine job done. They are Brian Stapleton, Dick Lines, Edward Weimer, Jim Sherman, Ray Allen, Jim Wortham, and others. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weimer together did the final layout, carved, and built the wood mock-up from which the bronze was cast. The scaling down and the carving of the silhouette of Professor Hoff which Mr. & Mrs. Weimer did, was an outstanding job. A great big thanks to them and to all who worked on it.