

SOME UNSUNG HEROES OF THE AAVSO

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Abstract

Descriptive titles from a slide show presented by C. B. Ford at the AAVSO 75th Anniversary Meeting are given. The program consisted of selected 2x2 slides from Mr. Ford's personal collection, with emphasis on photos of lesser-known AAVSO members and participants, spanning the previous 40 or 50 years. Beginning with well-knowns such as Annie Jump Cannon and Leon Campbell at Harvard College Observatory, photos of many relatively unknown personages were shown and briefly described. The dates given refer to the photos only.

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Eugene H. Jones - (New Hampshire, 1920's - 40's). Leading observer in the early years.

Sigmund K. Proctor - (Michigan, 1925 - 35). Mr. Campbell's "Regional AAVSO Advisor" for the mid-west, the observer who first trained C. B. Ford and C. B. Carpenter in variable star observing.

David W. Rosebrugh - (New York and Florida, 1935 - present). Long-time observer of variables and the sun, served two terms as President and Secretary of the Association.

Claude B. Carpenter - (Michigan and California, 1935 - present). Long-time observer specializing on the faint variables.

George W. Diedrich - (Ohio, 1948 - 65). Nova Search Committee Chairman, served terms as President.

Thomas A. Cragg - (California and Australia, 1945 - present). Hardly an unknown: over 100,000 observations, numerous contributions to the new charts program.

Carolyn J. Hurless - (Ohio, 1950's - present). The Association's leading woman observer, hostess for many informal summer meetings.

Percy W. Witherell - (Massachusetts, 1930's - 60's). Long-time Treasurer, devoted to the Association's well-being.

Cyrus F. Fernald - (Maine and Florida, 1930's - 1970). The number one AAVSO observer in the USA for many years, generous benefactor; the second USA observer to achieve 100,000 observations (after Leslie Peltier).

Roger S. Kolman - (Illinois, 1950's). Enthusiastic observer, contributor to the new charts program.

Curtis E. Anderson - (Minnesota, 1940 - 60's). Active observer, compiler of AAVSO observer data records.

Diane Lucas - (Ohio, 1950's - 60's). A leading woman observer, contributor to the new charts program.

Edward G. Oravec - (New York, 1940's - present). Leading observer, served as President of the Association.

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Thomas R. Cave - (California, 1930's - present). Influential as the creator of telescopes used by a large number of AAVSO members.

John J. Ruiz - (New York and Pennsylvania, 1950's - 70's). Instigator of photoelectric photometry among AAVSO members.

Arthur J. Stokes - (Ohio, 1950's - present). Promoter of photoelectric work, builder of equipment for same; AAVSO President for two terms.

Larry C. Bornhurst - (California and Arizona, 1960's - present). Received one-time special observing award, 1963; builder of Ford Observatory in California.

John E. Bortle - (New York, 1950's - present). Active observer, founder of **AAVSO Circular**.

Larry E. Hazel - (New York, 1960's - present). Active observer and photographer, contributor to the new charts program.

Ralph N. Buckstaff - (Wisconsin, 1920's - 60's). Long-time observer, AAVSO benefactor and Past President.

Robert M. Adams - (Missouri and Massachusetts, 1950's - present). Long-time active observer.

This list, of course, is not complete. It covers some of the outstanding contributors to the AAVSO records during the past 50 years who have perhaps not received all the recognition they deserve. As for the years 1911 to about 1925 - sorry, I don't have any photos!