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Prairie Astronomy Club, Lincoln Nebr April-May 1965

Our last meeting was held March 30th at The Union Loan and Savings Room. We had 26 in attendance and a very fine program and refreshments. We got lined up to have a display of our Club activities at a hobby show out at the fair grounds April 10th and 11th. We had about ten scopes and a very good display of pictures and charts. I think we did our Club a heap of good, and believe we would have doubled our results if the weather had been half way decent. Steve Kunke, Tom Journey, Earl, Kim and Jim and Marvin All did a swell Job. Hats off to you Boys. Adrienne Too Earl Moser our program director is planning a Sky Show for our Club out at his place at Hickman Nebr. Hickman is about 15 miles south of Lincoln. His home is a mile or so west of Hickman and anyone can tell you the directions. The date will be April 23rd anytime after Dark. Bring your scope and get a taste of what real seeing is. You will never forget what you can see out where City lights do not interfere.

Our next regular Club meeting will be April 27th-- April 28th. Just had to change the night because Union Savings room was taken Every Night in that week except Wednesday. Hope this does not inconvenience any one to much. Remember April 28th, 7:30 P.M. Union Loan Bldg 56th and O St

In addition to you regular members, this letter will go to some sixteen interested persons who wished to be informed of our activities. They were contacted at the Hobby Show.

Tom Journey mailed me the following,. Enclosed you will find an article I am submitting if you would like to use it in Bulletin. I thought it would make a good subject to write about the SKY each month.

"Several interesting double Stars are visable in May and June. Among the ones visable with the aid of a small telescope are "Pi Delta, Iota, Kappa, Xi, and Upsilon" in Bootes.

Of the most beautiful doubles, the latter (Epsilon) ranks high. One of its stars is a bright yellow, and the other is a faint green. Their apparent magnitudes are 3.0 and 6.3

Another beautiful double in Bootes is the Xi-Bootes double star. Its two components are yellow and purple red. Of this double star the former is brighter, with an apparent magnitude of 4.7. The purple red star appears to have a magnitude of 6.6.

Virgo is a constellation rich in nebulae. Because of this fact this region of the sky has been called "The field of the Nebulae". Several hundred nebulae have been discovered in Virgo.

Also in Virgo, Gamma-Virginis, is a double star, is of particular interest. The angular distance between the two components of Gamma Virginis in 1756 was 6 sec of angle. But in 1836, the two stars were so close together that the pair could not be distinguished by even the largest telescopes. The separation in 1936, however, was once again 6 sec of angle. This proves that a complete revolution of these Stars, lasting 180 years, had been under observation. Both Stars are alike in color and in magnitude.

I know this world is ruled by infinite intelligence. It required infinite Intelligence to create it and it requires infinite intelligence to keep it on its course. Everything that surrounds us, everything that exists proves that there are infinite laws behind it. There can be no denying this fact. It is mathematical in its precision. Thomas A Edison.

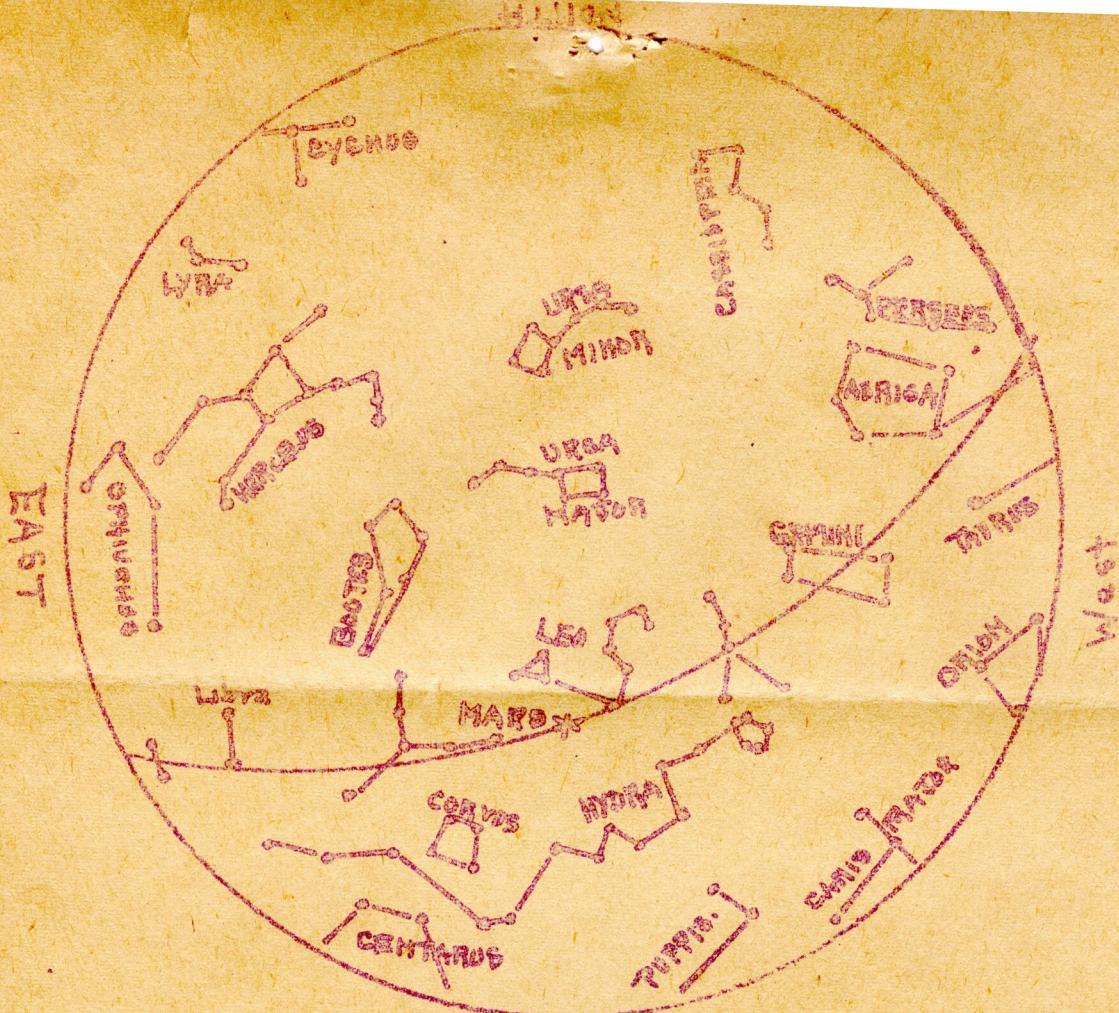
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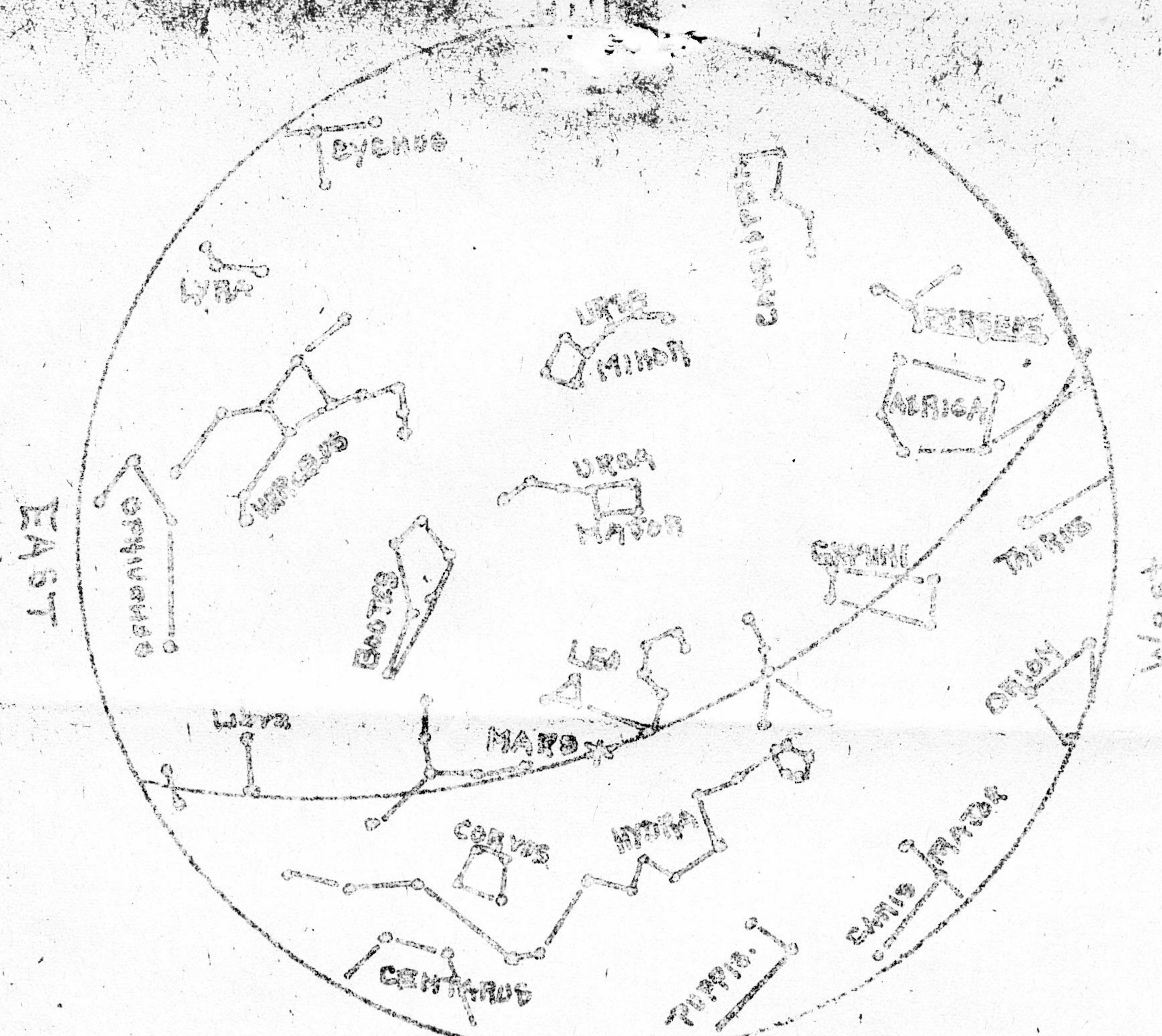
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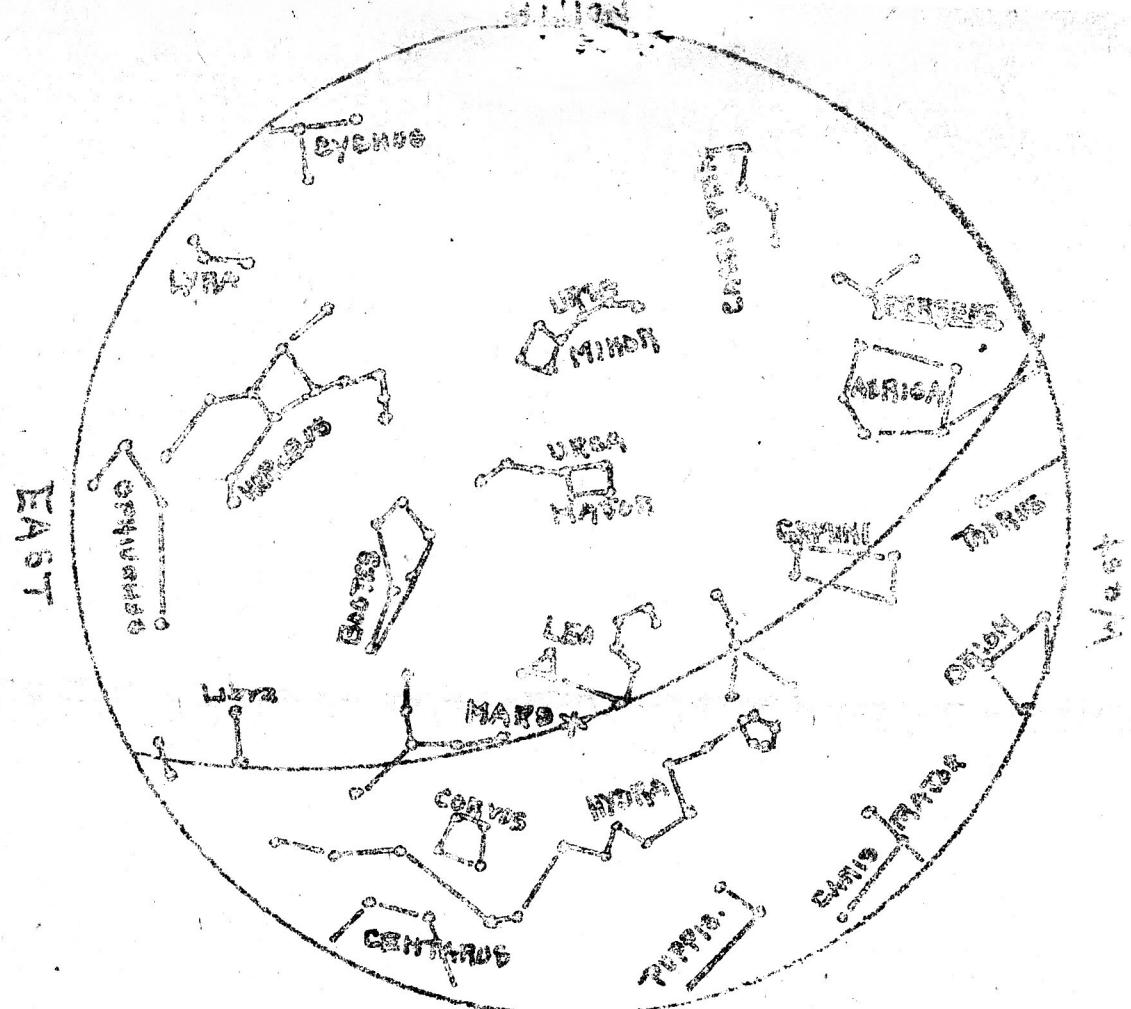


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