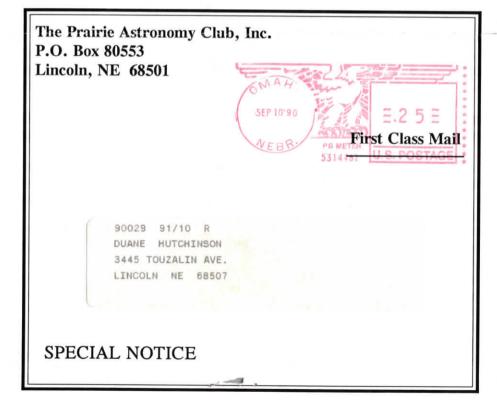# A Note From The Editor:

Lee and I missed connections this month, but felt it was important to get you this renewal information, thus, this newsletter suppliment.

As long as I've got a bit of space, I wanted to remind everyone that the Prairie Astronomer is published *each month* and that I *love it* when members send interesting stories, articles, etc. for publication. In fact, the more articles that arrive in my mailbox, *the larger the newsletter!*

The Horrorscope For Planetarians feature that I've run the past two months was kindly sent by Jack Dunn (thanks Jack!). Anyway, please send all submissions to John Lortz, 12023 Parker Plz. #105, Omaha, NE 68154, by the Wednesday before each month's meeting.

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Star Party/Comet Report
by Lee Thomas

Our star picnic/star party was excellent this year, made more exciting by the appearance of Comet Levy. About 30 people showed up for the picnic, at varying times (most were uncertain whether it was a 6:00, 6:30, or 7:00 p.m.). Departure for Atlas Site was at 7:30, with a caravan weaving its way cross country, while suspiciously eying clouds forming on the horizon.

Sure enough, the usual thunderstorms developed. (What would star parties be like without lightning on the horizon?) But, a stalled cold front remained precisely 20 miles northwest of Lincoln all night, spinning a few stray clouds our way and providing a fireworks display, but never completely obliterating the sky.

Comet Levy was a healthy, bright naked eye magnitude 4.0 or so, just passing near M15. The Perseids were in evidence, but not spectacular. Mosquitoes were hungry, but Deet was plentiful, as were soft drinks, lawn chairs, and telescopes. It was nearly a perfect night, and I believe, it renewed everyone's appreciation of the quality seeing we have at Atlas Site.

A Horrorscope For Planetarians
Part Three

Libra Beware of Scorpios this month. If one begins a fight don't resist!

Scorpio Find the nearest Libra and beat them to a pulp. I promise they won't fight back.

Sagittarius Unbeknownst to you, you're a hidden agent of the KGB. One spoken keyword lapses you into a maniacal killing trance. This month you are going to be called into active duty. Don't answer the phone.

Capricorn Send $5 to all persons with zodiacal sign at top of this list. Add your sign to the bottom of the list and send it to ten friends.

Aquarius This space available.

Pisces Seek professional help immediately. You actually believe the stars and planets affect your life!!!

(Written by Robert Reed of the Astronomical Society of East Texas)