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MR. JAS. W. A. LOW,
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Dear Sir, -

Here are the Comet & Nova Negatives Search Reports for the month of February 1964. The weather was a little kinder than it was in January and December. Yesterday the mercury climbed to +51°F.

Two observations of Nova Hercules 1963 were logged:

FEB. 23RD - - 10^{PM}. 5

FEB. 29TH - - 10^{PM}. 5.

There is nothing peculiar to report.

Echo II was seen several times early in the month while Echo I was seen several times also, but near the end of February. As far as I know there are none of our members making records of artificial satellites. I usually note their appearance in my observing records. Quite a few of them are unidentified, and several were very faint - barely visible in 1x50's.

This past week I have been examining an interesting old 3" refractor made by W. & B. Mosey of Bayonne N.J. It is around 50 years old, belonging to a deceased member at large of the R.A.S.C. According to a recent article in Review of Popular Astronomy this make was equal to or better than those made by Albin Clark! However, I was not too impressed by the optics. I am enclosing a copy of the hand-wheel on the rack & pinion focusing device. The telescope tube is quite heavy. It did not have a suitable mount so I adapted one of my reflector mounts to accommodate it for testing.

Best regards,

Hugh N.A. Maclean,
Niagara Falls Centre.