Rare Annular Eclipse Visible Here Sunday

For the 777th time since 1208 B. C., the sun will hang a halo around the moon's silver rim on the afternoon of April 7—next Sunday. The sky will show what astronomers call an annular eclipse of the sun.

Unless clouds arrive and spoil the view, you should be able to see the phenomenon from start to finish, according to Dr. Dinsmore Alter, director of the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles.

An annular eclipse occurs when the moon's image, though centered against the sun's disk, is too small to cover it entirely, leaving a ring of bright light around the edge. The images of the sun and moon are nearly the same size in the sky but the distance of both bodies from earth varies slightly, and the size of their apparent disks varies accordingly.

Total Eclipse Oct. 1

The eclipse begins in the Pacific, crosses the southern U. S. and ends in the Atlantic. Two other partial lunar eclipses will occur this year: a conspicuous, nearly total one, visible everywhere in the U. S., on April 21; an inconspicuous one on Oct 16.

The No. 1 solar attraction of the year, however, will not occur until October 1. This will be a total eclipse of the sun, beginning in the Pacific, crossing South America, the South Atlantic, South Africa and ending in the Indian Ocean. Because it crosses wide stretches of land, its shadow path will probably be as heavily studded with astronomers' camps as that of the total solar eclipse which four years ago swept clear across Asia.

IN FRANCE . . . Latest official photo of commander of Canadian Expeditionary Force, Major General A. G. L. McNaughton, who is now in France with his first contingent.

Good Old Days Recalled by Lodge Leaders

"Memories of the Past" presented by the past noble grands of Trio Rebekah lodge on the last meeting in March brought tears to many eyes but they were tears of laughter. Twenty-two past noble grands were present and their skits made the night one long to be remembered.

Cruelly recalling the days when the lodge was organized 18 years ago, silhouettes were shown of the past leaders in the days when they were slender and sylphlike and again as they are today, no longer, in most cases, with 18-inch waists.

In the finery of the gay nineties, Mrs. Ada Andersen with her canary and cage sang "She's Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage" and "Listen to the Mocking Bird", her high shoes, plumed hat and many skirts and ruffles adding to the "pathos" of her numbers.

Mrs. Alwine Ulman, who accompanied the singers, also gave two humorous recitations as did Mrs. Olca Davis, and Margarete Dobrick sang "Memories."

After the program a reception for the past noble grands was held and refreshments served by Mesdames Olca Davis, Elizabeth Hunt, Mary Sana, Christena Ferguson. Mrs. Georgia Tappin, past noble grand, was chairman of the program committee.

Walteria Civic Group to Elect Officers April 10

New officers will be elected April 10 by the Walteria Civic Organization. Candidates nominated for president are Chick Crowther, Paul Slonecker and William J. Loughridge, the incumbent. Nominated for vice-president are M. W. Litton, for secretary, Bessie Slonecker, and for treasurer, Helen Conze.

Refreshments will be served at the close of next Wednesday night's session, according to Mrs. Elsie Minor, press chairman. Last night the organization heard talks by city council candidates George V. Powell, Gordon L. Mann and Loughridge.

FARM INCOME UP

California's farmers had an income of $572,431,000 in 1939, up more than $25,000,000 from 1938 but more than $100,000,000 below 1937, the California cooperative crop reporting service estimated today.

. . . Vote as you will April 9 . . . BUT VOTE!

Historic Events

Today—U. S. dirigible "Akron" wrecked, 73 lives lost, 1933.

Tomorrow—Danton, French revolutionary, guillotined, 1794.

April 6—Peary reached the North Pole, 1909.

April 7—Television's first demonstration, 1927.

April 8—Canada established the "Northwest Territory," 1875.

April 9—Barnum brought "Jumbo," world's largest elephant to U. S., 1882.

April 10—First issue of New York Tribune, 1841. Salvation Army Day.

RUM AND ROADS

Liquor drinking motorists and pedestrians in California figured in 594 fatal accident cases and 6,288 injury cases in 1939.

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