

ASTRONOMY

Strange Red Star Found in Heavens

► A STRANGE red star, much too faint to be seen except with a large telescope, has been discovered in the cluster of stars known as the Hyades.

It is one of the few red dwarfs known to be surrounded by and connected with a nebulosity, its discoverer, Dr. W. J. Luyten of the University of Minnesota, reported to Harvard College Observatory, Cambridge, Mass. The Hyades are in the constellation Taurus, the bull.

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EDUCATION

Expanded Aid to Nursing Education Recommended

► A GREATLY expanded program of Federal aid to nursing education, service and research is recommended in a report by the Surgeon General's 24-member Consultant Group on Nursing.

The group made 20 separate recommendations including: new programs of Federal aid for stimulation of nurse recruitment, assistance to nursing schools for construction of educational facilities and for improved nursing education programs, loans and scholarships for nursing students, and financial assistance to state, regional, and national agencies for recruitment programs for nurses and other health personnel.

Recommended for expansion and extension are existing Public Health Service programs of assistance for advanced training of nurses in leadership positions, improved utilization and training of nursing personnel, and nursing research and fellowships.

Surgeon General Luther L. Terry, in releasing the report, said, "The consultant group's report gives us the information about nursing problems which is essential to help fill in the gaps in our knowledge of total health manpower needs. It more than confirms our earlier beliefs about the magnitude and seriousness of the problems in nursing which stand in the way of giving good care to the people of this Nation."

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AGRICULTURE

Cotton Planted Closer Prevents Weed Growth

► IRRIGATED cotton planted in rows only nine inches apart rather than the usual 40 inches eliminates weed-control cultivation.

Weeds were controlled in the narrow-row plots by the early application of pre-emergence herbicide. As the season progressed, the closely spaced plants shaded out weeds that emerged. The total yield of cotton per acre was increased considerably by the dense planting. The U. S. Department of Agriculture conducted the research at Lubbock, Texas.

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