

## Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

## Twenty-First Session

Minutes of seventh Ordinary Meeting, held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand Street, Cape Town on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.15 P.M. Mr. H. W. Schonegevel was in the Chair. There was a moderate attendance.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1935, were read and confirmed.

The following Nominations were received and submitted to the Committee for consideration:

Mr. H. Russell, Uvongo Beach, Natal. Mr. & Mrs. C. G. Long  
sec. { R. Watson

Mr. J. B. Gwazda, S.A.T.S. 'General Botha', Simon's Town  
proposed by Mr. A. Menzies, sec. by Mr. H. E. Houghton.

The Chairman informed the meeting that a donation of 10/- had been received from Mrs. E. A. Borlase of Durban, towards the Telescope Fund. Members were further informed that Dr. J. K. E. Halm had been presented with His Majesty the King's Silver Jubilee Medal, in his capacity of President of the Astronomical Society of South Africa. It was unanimously resolved to instruct the Hon. Secretary to write to Dr. Halm informing him of the Cape Centre's best wishes and offering him the hearty congratulations of the members of the Centre.

Mr. H. E. Houghton in an interesting paper on 'New Stars', gave an account of the earliest novae discovered, and informed the audience of the part played by members of the Cape Centre in this branch of Astronomy. The importance of the discovery of a new star taking place near or before its maximum brightness was emphasized. The lecture gave rise to some most interest.

ting discussion, the speakers being His Majesty's Astronomer at the Cape, Dr. J. Jackson, Mr. Watson, Capt. Cameron Inan and Mr. Long. Dr. Jackson said that the cause of the remarkable increase in brightness of  $\nu$  was in a very short period of time ~~was~~ had not yet been satisfactorily explained.

The Chairman, Mr. H. W. Schonegevel informed members that Dr. Jackson was proceeding overseas shortly, in order that he might attend the meeting of the International Astronomical ~~Union~~ Association on the Continent. Members present wished Dr. + Mrs. Jackson a pleasant holiday and bon voyage.

There being no further business, the meeting then closed.

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H. W. Schonegevel