

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-ninth Session.

Minutes of Sixth Ordinary Meeting held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St Cape Town on Wednesday the 17th April 1940, at 8.15 P.M. Mr. Schonegevel presided. The attendance was good.

The name of Mr. Harold Resnick, of 97b Princes Avenue, Benoni, ~~was~~ ^{having} been considered and passed by the Committee, was read for election, and passed unanimously.

A letter from Canon E B Ford asking members to observe Venus before and after Superior Conjunction on June 26 and to communicate the results to him, was read to the meeting by the Hon. Secretary.

Mr. R B Borchers showed an interesting film of the Radcliffe Observatory at Pretoria. The growth of the turret for housing the great reflector was shown in detail. After the film was shown, Mr. Borchers described the construction of a machine for grinding and figuring a small mirror for a reflecting telescope, as used by himself. The lecturer answered some questions at the conclusion of the talk, after which ~~the~~ those present accorded Mr. Borchers a hearty vote of thanks.

Mr. Houghton read an extract from an article in the Monthly Notices R.A.S., which described the way in which the suitability of the present site of the Radcliffe Observatory for taking stellar photographs was gauged in 1930.

Capt. Cameron-Ivan read a humorous article from the New Zealand publication, "Southern Star", entitled "The Moonstruck Sailor" to an appreciative audience.

Mr. Schonegevel announced that Mr. H. E. Houghton would speak at the May meeting on "The Saros and the Eclipse of 1940 October 1."

This concluded the business for the evening.

W. Schonegevel

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