

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-sixth Session

Minutes of First Ordinary Meeting held at Yorkshire House, 38 Strand St., Cape Town on Wednesday the 21st August 1940 at 8.15 P.M. Dr. Jackson presided. The attendance was good.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 19th June 1940 were read and confirmed.

P.O. Molgat, Pieterburg Transvaal
The name of Mr. Sebotho Modisi, hrs. Mr. Menzies rec.

Dr. Jackson, having been considered and passed by the Committee, was read for election to membership, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hirst treated members to a very interesting talk on "Comets and Allied Phenomena". A theory was propounded that traced the descent of ^{some} comets from asteroids to meteors and from these to comets. Mr. Hirst dealt ably with a heavy fire of questions put to him at the conclusion of his talk, by Mr. Krumm, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Simentoff and Mr. Skinner.

Those present accorded Mr. Hirst a very hearty vote of thanks at the conclusion of his address.

Dr. Jackson informed members that ~~the next~~ ~~one~~ following meetings would be held at the Royal Observatory, and that the next meeting would be held in conjunction with the Photographic Society's meeting on the 2nd Wednesday in September ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ the Mountain Club room.

Members were also informed that Mr. H.E. Krumm was in charge of the Centre's telescope, which was now suitably housed at his residence in Leeuwendaal Crescent, Cape Town.

Volunteers were called for to assist in the transfer of the Centre's library from the Mountain Club room to Dr. Stoy's and Mr. Hirst's motor-cars in transit to the Royal Observatory.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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J. Jackson