

## Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-eighth Session.

Minutes of seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Session, held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> May at 8.15 P.M.

Dr. Jackson presided. The attendance was good. A detachment of naval cadets was present.

The Minutes of ordinary meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1942 were read and confirmed.

Dr. Jackson informed members that Mr. Forbes had written to the Hon. Secretary asking whether any member had been able to observe the return of Comet 1929 II.

Major Chettle, chief instructor at Wynberg Airport, delivered an interesting and instructive address on Aerial Navigation. He said that in addition to observing the sun, moon, Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, and Venus to obtain the position of an aircraft, a list of 22 bright stars had been compiled for use in aerial navigation. Owing to the vibration present in an aeroplane, the marine sextant was unsuitable for obtaining sights, and the bubble sextant was used instead.

At the conclusion of the address members were shown the Astrograph, bubble sextant, planispheres, and ~~air~~ copies of the *Pis Almanac*.

A motion of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by Dr. Jackson, was carried with acclamation by those present.

It was announced that Mr. A. F. J. Forbes was to speak at the next meeting on the mechanical side of the manufacture of the 200" telescope.

This concluded the business for the evening.

J. Jackson

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