

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-ninth Session

Minutes of First Ordinary meeting of the Session held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 12th August 1942 at 8.15 P.M. The attendance was good. Mr. Jackson presided.

Mr. Schonegevel was unable to attend through illness.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 10th June 1942 were read and confirmed.

Mr. Forbes gave members a very interesting lecture on the mechanical construction of the 200" telescope. A scale model of the telescope and dome, made by Mr. Forbes, was used to illustrate the lecture. The three ways of mounting large telescopes were illustrated on the blackboard. The lecturer explained the three optical systems by means of which the image formed by the mirror was brought to a focus at different points of the mounting.

At the conclusion of the lecture Mr. Davies asked the speaker to in what way the cover of the dome was fixed to the ^{supporting} girders. Capt. Cameron-Liman moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Forbes. The meeting passed the vote with acclamation.

This ended the business for the evening.

W. Schonegevel

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