

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Twenty-ninth Session

Minutes of fifth Ordinary Meeting of the Session held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 17th March 1943 at 8.15 P.M. The attendance was fair. Mr. Schonegevel presided.

The Minutes of an Observational Meeting held on the 17th February 1943, were read and confirmed.

The name of Flight-Sergeant DB Fairbairn, P.O. Box 200, Lusaka, N. Rhodesia, having been considered and passed by the Committee, was declared elected by the meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Houghton who were present at the meeting, were congratulated by the Chairman on behalf of members on their recent marriage, and were the recipients of a gift from the Society. Mr. Schonegevel said that Mr. Houghton had always been one of the active members of the Society, and had done good work for the Variable Star section.

The meeting resolved itself into a Question Night, and Mr. Houghton's two questions (1) On the apparent enlargement of celestial objects seen on the Horizon, and (2) The explanation of Earth-shine on the New Moon were replied to by Drs. Stoy and Jackson, and Messrs Hirst, ~~to~~ and Davies.

A letter received from Mrs D. Mills expressing her appreciation of the observational meeting held on 17th February was read to the meeting by the Hon. Secretary.

A letter containing three questions from Miss Jacqueline Mellor was read to the meeting.

Mr. Krumm asked Dr. Stoy for further details of the photometer constructed by Herschel. Queries on the observation of variable stars on moonlight nights propounded by Mr. Krumm were suitably replied to by Mr. Houghton.

This concluded the business for the evening.

J. Jackson
Chairman

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