

Astronomical Society of South Africa (Cape Centre)

Thirtieth Session.

Minutes of seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Session held at the Royal Observatory on Wednesday the 17th May 1944 at 7.45 P.M. Dr Hoy presided. The attendance was fair.

The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on the 19th April 1944 were read and confirmed.

Miss Flux gave a very interesting talk on the 'Backgrounds and History of Ancient Astronomy'. The need for defining the seasons led to the formation of the calendar, which in turn depended on the position of the sun in relation to the stars. Miss Flux gave a description of the theories held by the ancients to account for the movements of the planets, and sun and moon. The rise of astronomy and mathematics were concurrent.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker at the end of the address. After some discussion on the subject for the evening, the meeting adjourned.

R. H. Hoy.

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