

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CAPE CENTRE HELD AT THE S.A.A.O.
OBSERVATORY ON TUESDAY 1974 SEPTEMBER 10 AT 20 HOURS

Present: Mr C.Turk in the Chair, twentyeight members and seven visitors.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Cousins and Messrs Hurly and Magee.

The minutes of the meeting of June 11 were read and confirmed.

Mr Rhodes from Bloemfontein Centre was welcomed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that the Lawrence telescope had been temporarily mounted on the mounting of the Ron Atkins telescope.

The monthly Centre meetings would be held on Wednesday evenings from next month.

At the request of Miss Parker the Chairman asked if other members living in Somerset West would contact her after the meeting with a view to pooling transport.

The Chairman then introduced the guest speaker Dr Thackeray who spoke on "The History of the Radcliffe Observatory". This was a most interesting talk, illustrated by slides, on the events leading to the founding of the Observatory two hundred and two years ago up to the present time.

Dr Wild thanked the speaker and said that the talk had emphasized his belief that there were topics such as the history of astronomy which members who were unable to persue observational astronomy, could research, and perhaps write articles on their findings for M.N.A.S.S.A.

The meeting closed at 21h20 for tea.

Signed as correct

1974 October 9



Chairman