

# Astronomical Society of South Africa

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday February 6, 1950, at 8 P.M.

Present: Dr Jackson (in the Chair) Dr Moy, Messrs Cousins, Turner, Davies, Schirach, Borchards, McIntyre, Krumm and the Hon Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1949 were read and confirmed.

Mr Borchards informed members of the sudden death of J.C. de Wet. Dr Jackson asked members to stand as a mark of sympathy and respect.

The contents of a circular sent to the four Provincial Education Departments on the proposed Essay Competition for schools, was read to the meeting together with the replies received. The Cape, O.F.S., and Natal Departments ~~was~~ were willing to sponsor such a competition, but the Transvaal Education Department was not in favour.

A sub-committee consisting of Dr. Moy, Messrs Hirst, Krumm and Menzies was formed to formulate rules and to transact other business in connection with the Essay Competition, which would be held in 1951, as it was too late in the year to hold ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> in 1950.

Mr Krumm reported a credit balance of £126-0-9. Mr. Krumm said that "Sky + Telescope" was costing the Society more. Mr. Krumm was instructed to circulate members as to increased cost of the journal and whether members wanted to continue to receive copies at an enhanced subscription, or to discontinue the journal. Mr. Krumm was further asked to go into the question of costs of the Sky + Telescope and Monthly Notes, and to submit his results to a special Council Meeting to be convened as soon as convenient to the Hon. Treasurer.

The election was confirmed of the following Associates:  
P. Wedekind, College House, Milner Park, J. Burg, Mrs. E. Ackerman, 16 Olympia House, 30 York St, J. Burg, J.F. Elsworth University, Her's Residence, J. Burg, F. G. Irvine, P.O. Box 5399

g' Burg, all of the Transvaal Centre.

The following were elected Members of the Society:

Dr T. Ackerman, P.O. Box 9345, g' Burg, vs. Dr. Kirchoff  
vs. Mr. Beqgs: Mrs B. M. Louin, 37 Lauriston Court, Louis Botha  
Avenue, Johannesburg, vs. Dr Kirchoff, vs. Miss Troughton;  
Mr E. B. Richards, 35 Wemmers Drive, Discovery, via Florida,  
Transvaal, vs. Dr Kirchoff, vs. Mr Lagerweij.

Mr. Krumm reported the receipt of £1.10/- from Mr. J.  
McIntyre, being the proceeds from the sale of the monograph  
"Count's seen at the Cape".

Mr. McIntyre said that all members who contribu-  
ted to the 'Handbook' for 1950 should be thanked for the  
excellence of the publication produced by their <sup>collective</sup> joint  
efforts.

This ended the business for the evening.

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J. Jackson  
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