

Obituary Notice.

Mr. C.H.W. Roadknight.

The late Mr. C.H.W. Roadknight will be remembered by older members of the Natal Centre of the Astronomical Society of S.A. as a keen amateur astronomer. He was a foundation member of the earlier Natal Astronomical Association, in 1922, and remained actively interested until the end. He was for many years a member of the Committee, and also held the position of Chairman and Vice-Chairman at different periods.

He frequently contributed papers at the monthly meetings and these were of more than passing interest, e.g. "Time", "The Celestial Sphere", "The Spectroscope in Astronomy", "Parallax in the Solar System" - to mention only a few. His last, on "The Durban Observatory", was read last June.

Prior to the 1939-45 War he was a frequent visitor to the Observatory in Currie Road, having an interest in a wide range of telescopic objects. He was a most agreeable companion at the telescope, and many an evening of unalloyed pleasure was spent with him by more than one member of the Society, in examining some attractive object in the Southern skies. On many occasions he demonstrated to visitors at the Observatory, and did not spare himself to make the occasion a delightful and memorable one.

Those who were privileged to be associated with him in the work in Durban will miss his quiet and unassuming manner, which covered a store of knowledge of men and affairs in the widest sense. He was also a keen botanist and gardener, and there was scarcely a specimen he could not name and classify.