

THE CONCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

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Your Secretary humbly apologises for the long delay that has occurred since the publication of our last circular. The main cause for this delay were family illnesses, the moving into a new house and the move into a new office building. The result of this was chaos and most of the Society's correspondence, etc. was packed away and inaccessible during this period. It is hoped that from now on everything will be more regular. To those of you who have written to me during the last few months and who have not yet received a reply, I promise that I will write within the next few weeks. Please note my new address as given on the last page of this circular. My telephone numbers remain unchanged (home - 698063, office - 27594).

MEETINGS:

April 28th, 1960. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28th. at 8 pm. in the Zoology lecture theatre of the University of Cape Town. As usual we will display and discuss a family and members are requested to bring their South African and World wide Volutes.

Agenda:-

- (1) Minutes of the last meeting
- (2) Matters arising out of the minutes.
- (3) Election of members.
- (4) Proposal of members.
- (5) Any other business.
- (6) Mrs Weakley has kindly consented to give us a talk on:

Interesting shells and experiences.

We know that Mrs Weakley is a popular speaker on this subject and her lecture should therefore be of interest to everybody.

May 15th, 1960. This is a field-day. We will meet at 10.30 a. Picnic-spot No. 1 near Davidkraal which is near Betty's Bay, about 8 miles this side of Kleinmond. It will be low tide at 12.28 and during the morning we will collect in that area. For lunch we will find a suitable place to make a braaivleis - please bring your own meat, etc. and also wood and cooking utensils - and after lunch there will be an opportunity to visit Mr le Roux at Kleinmond and see his collection. Lifts, if necessary, will be arranged by Leila Kerr (phone 775369). Members with spare seats in their cars kindly advise Leila. Please note the above dates on your calendars as no further reminder will be sent.

ABOUT MEMBERS:

At the meeting held on November 15th, the following were elected:-
Mrs S.D. Clouts, 20 Sir George Grey St., Oranjezicht, C.P.
Mr J. Dichmont, "Vergelegen", Jeffcoat Ave., Bergvliet, C.P.
Mrs J. Dichmont, "Vergelegen", Jeffcoat Ave., Bergvliet, C.P.
Mrs P. Olson, 133 Mitchell Str., Providence, R.I., USA.
Mr E.C. Wicks, 11 Park Ave., Uitenhage, C.P.

At the meeting held on November 24th., the following were elected:-
Miss D. Bird, "The Willows", Pluto Rd., Plumstead, C.P.
Mr R.V. Stewart, Queen Alexandra Secondary School, Park Rd.,
Port Alfred.
Master C. Walker, "Lisieux", Capri Rd., St. James, C.P.

Please note the following new addresses:-

Mr P. Elston, 105 Wellfreer Rd., P.O. Fynnlands, Durban.
Mrs M. Kuttel, P.O. Box 1482, Cape Town.
Mr C. Swaneveld, "Bagatelle", Old Farm Road, Rondebosch, C.P.

COUNCIL:

At the first Annual General Meeting which was held in Cape Town on November 24th, the following council was elected. The year of

retirement of each member is indicated in brackets.

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| President: | Prof. J.H. Day | (1960) |
| Vice-President: | Mrs L. Kerr | (1962) |
| Secretary: | Mr C. Swaneveld | (1960) |
| Treasurer: | Mr J.N. Ackermann | (1961) |
| Council members: | Mrs C.M. Ackermann | (1960) |
| | Miss M.G. Kempthorne | (1960) |
| | Mr F.H. Talbot | (1960) |

GENERAL NOTES:

Our Society has joined "THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA" as an institutional member. Further details about this Society were given in CIRCULAR NO. 7. Members of the CSSA are allowed a reduction of 10/- as ordinary members, so that they can become a member of the Zoological Society for £1.10.--. Further details can be obtained from Mr F.H. Talbot at the South African Museum.

Mr E.T. Haywood, 45 Moodie Street, Umkomaas, Natal, is most anxious to secure "live" or "very fresh dead" specimens of the following Cypraeidae:- C. ziczac, C. Marginalis, C. citrina, C. algoensis, C. fusciorubra, C. angustata, C. edentula. "Live" specimens of most of the species to be found in East Africa and other East African material can be offered in exchange.

Further to the article by Mr D.H. Kennelly in CIRCULAR NO. 8 on the genus Bullia, Mr P.J. le Roux writes as follows: "Mr Kennelly might be interested to know that Bullia laevissima is found in colonies and are real scavengers. I have found them in large numbers on the West Coast at Saldanha Bay. During the day they are buried in about 3 - 4 inches of sand but come out at night at ordinary low tides. The best places to look for them would be at or near places where fishing boats land and where fish entrails are dumped on a sandy coast. Often they are found in hundreds but not a single specimen will be observed during the day."

We thank the Vacuum Oil Company for kindly giving us a number of copies of their 1960 tide tables for distribution among our members. A copy is included with this circular.

Our Corresponding member, Mr A.M. van Wezemael, 70 Grand'rue Herseaux, Belgium, has a big stock of world-wide sea shells. A price list can be obtained from him upon request.

I have quite a number of articles and also a few general notes which should have been published in this circular. They will be published however in the next circular which should come out in about two weeks time.

Please address all correspondence to my new address:

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"Bagatelle",
Old Farm Road,
Rondebosch, C.P.