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Edited by Leila Kerr.

A very Happy Christmas to all members! May the festive season be spent with those near and dear to you.

There will be no meeting until February.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the S.A. Museum on 19th November, 1963.

The meeting was well attended. Dr. F. Talbot in the chair, welcomed members, especially new members.

The minutes of the previous A.G.M. having been published in the following circular, were taken as read.

The Secretary then read her report, as follows:-

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 19th NOVEMBER, 1963.

In this fifth report, we record with gratification the steady advance of our Society. The membership to date now comprises 117 Ordinary Members, 3 Honorary Members, 4 Life Members, 19 Corresponding Members and 18 Students, making a total of 161.

During the last year, 2 members have died, 16 resigned, mostly as they were going overseas and 15 have been removed from the list for non-payment of fees or moving and leaving no address. There have been 41 new members.

Ten evening meetings have been held and 4 Field Days. During this period, circulars 38 to 47 have been published, containing 65 pages. In addition we issued in June our third Special Publication "A Key to S.A. Chitons" by Prof. J.H. Day consisting of 8 pages and later an Index to circulars 1-40 prepared by Mr. D. Freeman.

The attendance at the meetings and Field Days has improved. We wish more members, however, would bring shells for display, as this always falls on the "old faithfuls". New members do benefit by seeing the actual shells instead of illustrations in a book.

Mrs. C.M. Connolly continues her good work with the Reference Collection, which now numbers over 500 species. Members are finding this of great value in identifying their shells.

Last December we had our usual enjoyable Christmas Party at the Round House, Camps Bay and our 5th Birthday meeting in June at the Zoology Dept. of the U.C.T.

During the year, we are proud to report that two Groups have been formed by members at other centres. The Border one under the able Chairmanship of Mr. D.H. Kennelly, and the Natal Group, led by the no less able Mr. P. Elston. Both these groups have had meetings and Field Days, and we wish them every success in the future.

I would like to thank Mr. John Grindley for his willing help on all occasions and also for procuring and showing the excellent films at our meetings.

Our thanks/.....

Our thanks too, go to the Director of the S.A. Museum for making this hall available to us, to Dr. Barnard for so patiently identifying shells and to Sydney Kannemeyer for duplicating the circulars. I would also like to thank Mrs. Mellor, who so ably types the stencils for our circulars, often at a moment's notice, so that they may be published in time.

Lastly I want to thank my fellow members of the Council for their help and support during my term of office.

L. Kerr (Mrs.) Hon. Sec.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement which had been duly audited by Mr. C. Swaneveld and Mr. J. Dichmont and found correct. This was displayed for examination.

Statement of Account as at 30th June 1963.

Natal Building Society as at 1.7.62	261	48	Secretary's expenses	28	17
Interest on NBS 8.26			Circular expenses	77	39
Donations 1.30			Printing & Stationery	7	82
Bank Exchange .47	10	03	Postages	21	44
Life Membership. Nil.			Roneo Machine S.A.Museum	40	00
Entrance Fees	24	25	Zoological Society	10	00
<u>Subscriptions</u>			Library books purchased	35	74
Paid in arrears 14.75			Balance at		
Current Year 61.79			Natal Building Society	175	44
Prepaid 23.70	100	24			
	R 396	00		R 396	00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Bank Balance of the Society is very much lower this year than in previous years' despite the increase in membership. This is largely due to the expense of printing and posting the three free publications, and to the donation to the S.A. Museum.

At the time of publication of this Circular, the Bank Balance is R 215.51 - and it is not expected that there will be any free publications this year and our library is well stocked with books.

If all members owing subscriptions would pay their dues, (or resign in writing), our position would be satisfactory.

M.G. Kempthorne (Miss)
Hon. Treasurer.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

During the year, we have added R. Tucker Abbotts Indo Pacific Mollusca to our Library List. There have been various gifts, books and papers from Dr. Barnard, Prof. J.H. Day, Mrs. J. Barnes and others, and only just received, 75 books from the late Dr. Cohen. This magnificent gift will be known as the "Dr. Morris J. Cohen Collection", and will be available to members next year after they have been catalogued and suitably covered. We are hoping to obtain a lock-fast cupboard for our Library and Reference Collection of shells, so that they may be kept at the Museum. Members are reminded that overdue books are charged 10 cents a week.

L. Kerr. Librarian.

Commenting on the Treasurer's Report, the Chairman said the Society's Finances were in a healthy condition, and a formal vote of thanks was passed to Miss Kempthorne for all her hard work as Treasurer.

A resolution was passed unanimously by the meeting congratulating the Border and Natal members for getting together to organise Branches of the Society. This was considered a healthy step forward for the Society and would stimulate conchology in these areas.

The Council:-

As Mr. John Grindley will be overseas at Cambridge next year, the new Council as published in the last circular was elected en bloc, viz:

<u>President</u>	Prof. J.H. Day	
<u>Vice President</u>	Dr. F. Talbot	
<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs. L. Kerr	
<u>Treasurer</u>	Miss M. Kempthorne	
<u>Members</u>	Mrs. C. Connolly	
	Mr. J. Dichmont	
	Mr. D. Freeman	
<u>Country Members</u>	Mrs. H. Boswell	- Transvaal
	Mr. P. Elston	- Natal
	Mr. D.H. Kennelly	- Border

The following were elected as members of the Society:-

Mrs. J. Hearle, Kilimara, P.O. Timau, Kenya.
 Miss A. Lambert, 100 Fairway, Durban North, Durban.
 Mrs. C.M. Watters, 46 Morrison Road, Cambridge West, East London.
 Mrs. G. Webb, P.O. Box 184, Nanyuki, Kenya.
 Mrs. D. Wolmarans, 1 St. Rollox, 6 Norden St., Quigney, East London.

The following were proposed as new members:-

Mr. Rex-Lamar Kauffman, proposed by H. Jefferies, seconded by L. Kerr
 Mrs. A. Keane, " " " " " "
 Mrs. J. Vialls-Benn, " " L. Kerr, seconded by M. Kempthorne
 Mr. S. Kruger, " " " " " D. Freeman

The Christmas Party was discussed and arrangements made.

Dr. Talbot then closed the Annual General Meeting and opened the Extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of voting on the amendments to the Constitution. This meeting had previously been circularised to local members.

- a. Mr. Freeman proposed and Mr. Walker seconded the amendment to item 20 (Circ. 27) in the Constitution, which was unanimously carried. This now reads:-

CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

No alterations in this Constitution shall be made unless supported by a two-thirds majority of those voting at an Annual General or an Extraordinary General Meeting which has been specifically called for this purpose with due notice.

- b. Items 8 and 9, Fees. After a discussion on the raising of fees, the amendment was voted on but was thrown out as a two-thirds majority was not obtained.

During the tea interval, the fine shells on display were examined. This was followed by a film.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

This was held at Durbanville. We were very pleased to see the Rev. Pinkham, as he was due in at hospital. However, there was

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no bed available, so it was our gain. Unfortunately, owing to the school holidays and illness, not many could attend. However, those that did, had a pleasant evening.

At a short meeting, the following were elected as members of the Society:-

- Mr. R. Kauffman, Carousel Motel, P.O. Hibberdene, S.Coast, Natal.
- Mrs. A. Keane, P.O. Box 97, Nanyuki, Kenya.
- Mrs. J. Vialls-Benn, 147 Main Road, Walmer, Port Elizabeth
- Mr. S. Kruger, 26 Kloof Nek Road, Cape Town.

Then, much to your Secretary's surprise and pleasure, a Christmas cake was presented to her from the Society. This had been made and beautifully decorated with a spray of "water-lilies" done in shells, by Clarice Connolly. Very many thanks to all who contributed, it was a very nice gesture and much appreciated.

We would like to thank the Rev. and Mrs. Pinkham for the "braai" and wish Padre a speedy recovery.

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MEMBERS LIST.

In January we hope to publish the long-awaited List of Members. Only paid-up members will be included. Twenty-nine members owe for the current year, are you one of them?? If so, please remit your subscription as soon as possible, as we want to get on with the job.

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BORDER BRANCH.

The second gathering of Border members was held on the 30th Nov. and 1st Dec. at the Haga Haga Hotel, Haga Haga, where the host - George Williamson - looked after the comfort of us all in no uncertain manner. The weather was fine, which, coupled with the low water of the spring tide, enabled those present to collect many specimens - live and fresh dead.

When the members assembled in the lounge to display and discuss their "catches", we were able to enjoy the excellent music provided by Bill Winfield - who is a wizard on the ivories.

A specimen of Ancilla contusa Reeve, in very good condition was found by the writer, which appears to be the first report of this shell in the Border area.

Mrs. Rix exhibited an example of Volva volva Linn. which was found at Bonza Bay by a non-collector visitor. This find aroused much interest as it seems to be the first time the species has been reported from the South African coast.

All present enjoyed the gathering, and it was with much regret that bags were packed on Sunday afternoon for the departure of the members to their respective homes.

D.H. Kennelly.

(Haga Haga Hotel)

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SUNDAY MID-DAY DINNER 1.12.63.

(Conc(h)octed by a Conchomaniac)

SOUP: Consommé à la Hydatina

FISH: Haliotis à la Bonne Femme

ENTREE/....

- ENTREE: Octopus Vulgaris Soufflé
Pickled Turbo Sarmaticus
- ROAST: Tridacna Gigas roasted in Wine
Venus Mercenaria à la mode
Kelp and washed up Seaweed in season
- SWEETS: Phasianella Capensis
Clustered Egg Cream
Fondu au Conus Marmoreus
- Cafe du Her -

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EXCHANGE WANTED.

Miss M.J. James, 50 Fox St., Opunake, Taranaki, North Is., New Zealand.
Mrs. J.S. Redding, 517 S.W. 9th St, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, U.S.A.
Mr. W.R. Coltman, 91 Greenacre Rd, Greenacre, Sydney, N.S.W. Australia.

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GENERAL NOTES.

KEY TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN OLIVIDAE

A STRONG CALLUS ON THE OUTSIDE OF COLUMELLA, APART FROM THE NORMAL PLEATS, SHAPE ABNORMALLY SWOLLEN.

Shell ovate and very swollen, outer lip often unusually thick, spire low and somewhat sunken, colour very variable. Aperture white inside. Length 2 inches.

Oliva bulbosa Bolten.

Port Alfred (Turton). Mozambique (Braza)
Port Elizabeth (Sowerby), Coll. Bairstow?

NO ELEVATED FOLD ON THE OUTSIDE OF COLUMELLA. SHAPE NOT ABNORMALLY SWOLLEN.

(A) Shape ovate-cylindrical, spire rather sunken but sharp. An erect callus on the body whorl next to the posterior canal.

1. Shape fairly swollen, but not nearly as globose as "bulbosa". Spire low. Coloured with a regular pattern of zig-zag lines and spots. Fasciole marked with deep chestnut, aperture bluish white inside. Length 1 inch.

Oliva dactyliola Duclos

Pondoland (Sowerby). Umkomaas & Tugela River. (K.H. Barnard)

2. Shape less swollen, spire low. Colour olive with dark zig-zag lines and spots, fasciole tinged reddish. Aperture bluish white inside. Length 1 1/2 inches.

Oliva elegans Lamarck.

Inhaca Island, live specimen. (Macnae & Kalk)

- 3. Shape fairly swollen, especially round the upper part. Spire low. Colour fulvous-orange, marked all over with triangular chestnut dots. Aperture olive brown inside.

Durban (Smith), Coll. Burnup. Oliva picta Reeve.

- 4. Shape not swollen. Spire rather sharper and more exerted than the above. Colour pale yellowish, marked with light chestnut which is often arranged in two broad spiral bands. Aperture deep violet inside. Length $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Port Alfred (Turton). Durban (Coll. D.H.K.)
Inhaca Island (Maonae & Kalk). Oliva scitula Marrat.

- (B) Shape elongate cylindrical and fusiform. Spire elevated and sharp. No callus at posterior canal.

- 1. Colouration extremely variable. Aperture always chocolate inside. Length $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Oliva ispidula Linn.
(Sowerby's locality "Knysna" is unacceptable).

- 2. Colour white, marked with slightly darker shades. Aperture always deep violet inside.

Oliva episcopalis Lamarck.
Only South African record is Sowerby, "rare at Port Elizabeth".
Probably Coll. Bairstow?

- (C) Shape decidedly conical. Base narrower than shoulder. Spire very prominent in proportion to body whorl, and high. No callus at posterior canal.

Colour ivory white, with scattered brown spots. Aperture ivory white inside, sometimes with two or three bands. Length 1 inch.

Oliva paxillus Reeve.
Off Durban (Smith).

The foregoing Key to South African Olividae, was compiled by Mr. R.N. Kilburn a few years ago, and handed to me. It is now published in the hope it may be of some assistance to our Members.

D.H. Kennelly.

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SHELL STAMP IN JAPAN by A.C. van Bruggen.

Although many animals (mammals, birds, sea fishes, butterflies) have been featured on stamps of various countries, non-insect invertebrates are conspicuous by their absence. This holds more particularly for molluscs. Some time ago a fossil cephalopod (Ammonite) was very well depicted on a Dutch stamp. Now, however, a beautiful Japanese stamp has been brought to our attention. It faithfully depicts in colours Pleurotomaria hirasei on a dark brown background; the value of this particular issue is four yen. The first day cover shows a fine picture in colour of the shell in question with the following comments: "BENI-OKINAEBISU/Perotrochus hirasei/Endemic seashell of Japan/Postage on printed matters for communication course of education/First Day of issue May 15, 1965". After that follows an explanation in Japanese; the word "seashell" is misspelt as "sheashell". The whole first day cover is well designed and makes a valuable and interesting souvenir.

It was a remarkable coincidence that the Natal Museum acquired its example of Pleurotomaria hirasei at the same time through an exchange with Mrs. Boswell!

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THE WILD COAST AND ITS MARINE SHELLS by D.H. Kennelly.

For the benefit of our members, and collectors in general, the "Wild Coast" may be defined as the portion of our coast from the Great Fish River to the Pondoland/Natal Border, and for a great many years this area has been noted for shells.

Recently the writer was interested to see a copy of the *Proceedings of the Malacological Society*, London, Vol. IV, March 1900. This issue contains a report by G.B. Sowerby on 32 species of Marine shells from Pondoland and the Kowie (Port Alfred). Of this total 20 species came from Pondoland - exact locality not stated, and six of these are described and figured as new to science.

The late Mrs. Agnes Filmer, of "Rockwood", Queenstown, who was an enthusiastic collector, obtained the Pondoland shells, while those from Port Alfred were collected by the late Dr. Hermann Becker of Grahamstown who was one of the leading Conchologists of that time.

Sixty years ago, there were few places on the Wild Coast accessible but today with good roads and motor transport, a number of holiday resorts and camping grounds have been opened up, which are well known to collectors.

Even now with all these facilities, very little is known about the Mollusca of the area mentioned, and a rich harvest may be gathered by collectors who have the leisure to investigate thoroughly.

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A DAVIS WORK IN A MUSEUM. By a Member of the Staff.

That ubiquitous individual, known as "the man in the street", has been heard to observe that the staff of a Museum have a soft job, as no one really works in such an Institution.

Having donned magic cloaks, and become invisible, we proceed to a Museum, and find all the staff in their respective offices and departments, busy with a variety of duties.

The Director is drafting replies to numerous letters, and while waiting for these, the Secretary is working the roneo machine - probably making copies of the agenda for some forthcoming meeting.

In the workshop, the Taxidermist is working skilfully on glass fibre models of rare deep sea fish, which are needed for display, while the Technician is putting the finishing touches to a new display case.

We find the Ethnologist deeply immersed writing a scientific article concerning the bead work decoration in use by some little known tribe in Pondoland.

In the Marine Department a carton of shells from some East African locality is being unpacked and the shells identified ready for record.

This quiet and orderly state of affairs seldom lasts for more than an hour or two. An excited individual telephones the Director to say that a weird deep sea creature - which looks as if it will bite - has landed on the beach. Correspondence is abandoned, and the Director - risking the possibility of being bitten instead of some incautious onlooker - departs to photograph, record and identify the monster.

The arrival of some tourists means interrupting the scientific article by the Ethnologist, as some explanation is needed regarding native customs and legends etc. This lecture is punctuated by many "Ochs and Ahs" from the audience, to say nothing of the remark:- "Vaal, for land's sake, just like Alabama".

A lady visitor is ushered into the Marine Dept., and requires some information regarding shells. This is not so simple as would

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appear, for it involves a long account of how the lady's grandmother's nephew collected shells in Mauritius round about 1897. However in due course all the questions are answered, and the caller satisfied.

The Secretary does not escape, for a man suddenly appears in the office, bearing a large glass preserve jar. In the jar is an eight inch fearsome lizard, which looks like a Walt Disney creation.

As the Director is out, the Taxidermist leaves his work to take charge of, and identify this latest arrival.

Similar interruptions are of almost daily occurrence, and work at a Museum never lacks variety, for the staff are expected to be able to answer all questions ranging from the extinct Dodo, to the caterpillar eating Daddy's sweet peas.

In spite of all this, the staff contrive to carry on with research work and scientific articles, all of which demand much planning and concentration, plus patience, an even temper and, above all, a keen sense of humour.

Now, Mr. Man-in-the-Street, if this is not work, what is???

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HYDATINA CIRCULATA KAWE (formerly known as Hydatina velum Gmelin)

by D.H. Kennelly.

According to reports from Natal collectors, this species may be regarded as scarce. Live specimens have been taken from mangrove swamps at Port Natal.

Macnae & Kalk do not list this species as occurring at Inhaca Island, P.E. Africa. J.F. Spry reports it from the Dar-es-Salaam area, and states it is rare.

Local records consulted by the writer, reveal that one dead shell was found at Shelly Beach, East London.

Readers will be interested to learn that a live specimen was taken this month (Oct), in the estuary of the Nahoon River.

Border members are requested to be on the look out for examples of H. circulata, as it appears to be far more scarce than the well known H. physis. Information will be welcome to add to the existing records.

For an illustration, refer to The Beginner's Guide, by Dr. K.H. Barnard, Plate 19, Figure 16.

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A TRIP TO THE CAPE VIA THE GARDEN ROUTE.

With thoughts of a happy reunion with our family we set off on our 1200 mile journey from our Manaba home just as the sun was making its appearance over the horizon. Kidds Beach some 20 miles south of East London was our first stop, and after booking in at the hotel, naturally took a quick look over the beach. Conditions were far from pleasant, but it appeared to be a place well worth exploring at some future date.

The following day we arrived at Jeffreys Bay in time for lunch, but here again the conditions were bad, the beach being windswept and almost bare of shells, so decided to carry on to George. Before starting off on the final stage to Cape Town we deviated slightly to take a quick look at Herolds Bay some 5 miles off the main road. This is a delightful Bay with plenty of rock and should be interesting as regards shells, but having more or less to adhere to a set time table for the down trip could not spend much time there, but promised ourselves a slow trip on the homeward journey as there would not be anybody awaiting our arrival.

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But the best laid plans so often go astray, and clutch trouble developed just outside Albertinia. If only it had been further back on the coast line, we could at least have had a look at a beach, but Albertinia, well the least said the better. Anyway all's well that ends well and we were on the road again after exactly 24 hours delay, and arrived in Cape Town just in time for a lovely and welcome brassi.

In the Peninsula our first visit was to Muisenberg. Having heard that Leila was a regular visitor too and that Muisenberg was her favourite shelling beach, it was easy for me to bet my wife that the lady we could see on the rocks with a bucket could be no other than Mrs. Leila Kerr. I was right, and this was the first of many pleasant meetings during our stay.

We also had the pleasure of spending a day with Mrs. Connolly at Fish Hook. Besides seeing a fine collection of shells, we learned something of the more scientific side of the hobby -- the growth and habits of the animal inside the shell etc. This was most interesting and instructive, and made us realise the very valuable scientific research work being undertaken by Mrs. Connolly.

Other fine collections seen were those of Mrs. L. Kerr set up in a new cabinet which many of us would like to covet; and Mrs. Max Ackermann, a really magnificent display of beautiful and scarce shells beautifully arranged in boxes (the work of Mr. Ackermann).

With Mrs. Hazel Jefferies, who was also on a few days visit to Cape Town from Kei Mouth, we spent a very pleasant evening with Jock Dickmont and his wife. Being a skin diver Jock showed us some of the deep water shells he had taken both locally and up the coast at Bazaruto Island. The evening was rounded off by the screening of a few slides depicting shells and shelling expeditions. At Hermanus the collection of Mrs. Pelletier was another which we had the pleasure of seeing.

A very interesting and instructive morning was spent on the occasion of the Field Day at Kommetjie. What a pity so few members attend these collecting expeditions and "get together". We were pleased to add to our collection live specimens of Marginella capensis, M. biannulata, and M. rosae; also some fine specimens of Conus elongatus, thanks to Mr. Walker.

The trip home was much more leisurely and we spent an afternoon and evening at Mossel Bay with Mrs. Bobbie Richards. We were particularly interested in the shells she and her husband had collected on the South Coast, and had a very pleasant stay. Jeffreys Bay was different too when we went down so we decided to stay on a little while. A day and a half here gave us a fair amount of collecting time, though we took a long time to view that vast collection of the shells of Jeffreys Bay of Miss Kritsinger. The amount of material in this collection must be seen to be appreciated and it is just a great pity that it has not been properly classified.

Bonsa Bay was our next stop, and what a surprise on getting there to find Mr. Percy Elston and Mrs. Helen Boswell and her husband having afternoon tea. We all had dinner together that evening and a very happy occasion it was. After spending the morning on the beach shelling and adding a few more specimens to the already loaded car we left for Kei Mouth. Three very interesting days were spent there with our old friend Hazel Jefferies and her daughter Jean, now also a member, and down from Kenya for a few weeks.

Like everything else all good things must come to an end and eventually we were on the last lap home, having on account of the weather given up the idea of calling in at Coffee Bay. That is something to look forward to at a later date.

We cannot end without saying a big thank you to all the good folk at Cape Town, and also those en route, who helped to make this such an enjoyable trip, for the showers of shells so generously given us, and last but by no means least for the grand new friendships made.

It was certainly worth the 2400 miles travelled.

B.L. Cock.

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NEW RECORDS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN MARINE PROVINCE. By D.H. Kennelly.

In the Natal Notes (Circular No. 47), compiled by my very good friend, Percy Elston, reference has been made - in lighter vein - to the discovery of Murex palmarosae Lamarck, and Fusus colus Linn, living at Port Natal. These specimens were taken by our energetic skin diving member, Ed. Dee.

Also the finding of a specimen of Latirus polygonus Linn, by our new member - R. Benson, is noted. The latter shell was taken from the stomach of a Musselcracker.

Owing to the scientific importance of these finds, it is deemed necessary to add a little further information.

The specimen of M. palmarosae is the first to be recorded as living in South African waters.

Dr. Barnard has recorded F. colus as taken alive off Amatikulu River, Zululand in 24 fathoms, and off Umhloti and Umvoti Rivers, Natal in 25/27 fathoms. The finding of a live specimen in Port Natal is therefore an extension of the known distribution of this species.

With regard to Mr. Benson's find of a specimen of L. polygonus, this appears to be the second record for this shell.

Dr. Barnard states the only South African record is from Durban, deep water, probably from fish stomach (Smith).

I hope that Percy will forgive the trespass on his Natal notes, which has been occasioned by the importance of the finds detailed above.

Reference: Annals, South African Museum, Vol. XLV, Part 1, Pages 83 and 92 - Dr. K.H. Barnard.

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A NOTE ON TONNA VARIEGATA, (LAMARCK). By D.H. Kennelly.

For the benefit of those collectors of an enquiring turn of mind, these shells are not very often found on the beach in good condition, as they are brittle. Moreover examples from a beach are small, and the best place to look for a really large one is in rock pools at low tide.

The writer collected a very fine shell - about 90 m.m. - from a rock pool at Jeffreys Bay, and another of similar size at Cape Recife, also from a rock pool and in good condition.

The largest example of T. variegata seen was brought to the East London Museum by Mrs. C.G. Pitt of East London. This shell was trawled off East London, and measures approximately 150 m.m., the width being 125 m.m. With the exception of a small amount of encrusting worm tubes inside the aperture, the specimen is in very good condition.

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BORDER NOTES. By D.H. Kennelly.

Our old friend and collector - E.C. Wicks of Uitenhage - is well on the way to restored health, and has been able to visit Jeffreys Bay and collect as of yore.

There is a report (unconfirmed at the moment), that our well known member, Mrs. Hazel Jefferies, intends presenting her fine collection of shells to the village of Kei Mouth. The intention is to provide an additional attraction for visitors, for Auntie Hazel's flat is quite inadequate to hold all the shell collectors, and visitors, who ask to be shown this collection. It is hoped that the V.M. Board will see their way clear to accept this offer, and will also provide suitable cases in which/....

which to display the shells. As soon as further details of this public spirited offer become known, a further note will appear in a Circular.

It was a great pleasure to have our Country Member for Natal - Percy Elston - visiting Bonza Bay recently. Unexpectedly he was reinforced by our one and only Helen Boswell, who with Stanley, were on their way to the Peninsula. The writer lost no time in joining the visitors at Bonza Bay, and for the first time all three Country Members of the Council met, and there was much discussion over our Society and the doings of various members. Mrs Rix aided and abetted Percy in raiding the beach at Bonza Bay, and the hope must be expressed that a few shells were left for others to find.

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CAPE NOTES. By L.Kerr.

Shells have been very scarce lately. Muizenberg is bare, not even a Schizodesma spengleri in sight!

Congratulations to John Grindley, who was married to Shirley Anne Moor at Estcourt, Natal on Saturday, 14th December. May they both have long life and happiness together.

Field Notes. By C.M. Connolly.

Last month I found a shell in Glencairn pool which has been identified as Nassa analogica Sow. A new addition to our reference collection. This shell is the trifasciata form.

While collecting at Muizenberg I took a very large Chaetopleura papilio. This measured 32mm across the widest valve. Who will send in the measurement of the largest valve of a Dinoplax gigas? Usually the fifth valve is wider than the fourth one.

A beggar for a bargain. Do you want Western Cape shells to complete your collection? Contact me at 40 Third Avenue, Fish Hoek. That is your bargain - but the catch is donations of shells, landsnails, or even cash for cupboard to be housed at the Museum.

Further molluscs observed spawning in 1963:

54	<i>Siphonaria deflexa</i>	Fish Hoek
55	<i>Scyllaea pelagica</i>	Glencairn
56	<i>Doris</i> species	
57	<i>Afritrophon agulhasensis</i>	Kommetjie
58	<i>Gibbula beckeri</i>	"
59	<i>Afrocominella elongata</i>	East London
60	<i>Cancellaria foveolata</i>	"
61	<i>Peristernia fuscotincta</i>	"
62	<i>Conus aurora</i>	"
63	<i>Murex mitraformis</i>	"
64	<i>Siphonaria aspera</i>	"
65	<i>Siphonaria capensis</i>	"
66	<i>Engina perlata</i>	
67	<i>Pyrene albuginosa</i>	Muizenberg
68	<i>Marginella rosea</i>	Witsands
69	<i>Tritonalia purpuroides</i>	Kommetjie
70	<i>Marginella neglecta</i>	"
71	<i>Ischnochiton hewitti</i>	"
72	<i>Charonia pustulata</i>	
73	<i>Doris brunnea</i>	Millers Point
74	<i>Nassa capensis</i>	Strandfontein
75	<i>Pyrene kraussi</i>	

