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On January the first the Hon Secretary and RK Brook visited our vice Patron Capt. Priest, who gave his good wishes to the ROS in the New Year. It is now necessary to get our Constitution worked out and approved. Meetings will be held in Salisbury and Bulawayo, and the one in Salisbury will again be held in the conference room Trade and Industrial Development, Jameson Avenue, on Friday February 15th.

If any of those who cannot attend at Salisbury or Bulawayo would like to submit their views in writing will they do so as soon as possible.

**Branch membership:** Dr. J.M. Winterbottom (Hon. Sec. SAOS) has consented to be a Hon. Member.

The following (former SAOS members) have been enrolled: Arkell, R.G. (Glendale), Ellman-Brown, P. (Lonely Mine), Fisher, Dr. A.C. (Luanshya N.R.), Linton, D. (Salisbury), Major Kemp, M. H. (Salisbury), Graylin, J.C. (Livingstone), Clay, G. (Broken Hill).

Also the following new members: W.A. Aitken (Vic Falls), H.J. Bradford, (Bulawayo), R.K. Brooke, (Salisbury), J. Coey, (Bulawayo), R. Day, (Salisbury), E. Davison and 2 sons as Junior members, (Matetsi), Miss P. Stulpnagel (Bulawayo).

It is with great regret that we will be saying good-bye to Dr. T. Buttiker in February. He has been very keen to assist from the outset, and he carried out valuable research at Rainham Dam, Salisbury. He has made available his notes on the stomach and gut contents of the Honey Guide (*Indicator indicator*), and a copy can be sent to any member interested.

**Activities:** The Rainham Dam count has now reached 77 counts. This has been carried out by an average of three members for 17 months, which makes an average of more than four counts per month. Other surveys of Dams which are very praise worthy are the Pasi Dam count at Gatooma. Mr. and Mrs. Attwell, and Mr. Fletcher have done 54 counts since April last year. Mr. RK Brooke is doing almost daily counts on his farm near Salisbury.

**Ringling:** This has not yet got into its stride in the Rhodesias.

**Nest Cards:** Cards are now available on application to me. These are issued free by the SAOS but have to be made available to other branches as well. I have started a Card Index for our Cards and it is hoped that all members will look up their old records and fill in some cards. Acknowledgments of cards received and a summary will be made in *Bulletin* No. 7 (June). It is hoped that members will not be put off by the great amount of data asked for, but the nest must have been visited at least on one day.

**New Publications:** Both Dr. J.M. Winterbottom's *Birds of the Bush*, and Madeline Alston's *Sunbirds and Jacarandas* are on sale now in the Rhodesias.

**Status Problems:** Members are asked to report whether or not any fluctuations are noticed in the numbers of the African Hoopoes, see *Bokmakierie* December 1951.

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