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Notice of General Meeting. The first Meeting of our Branch will be held in the Conference Room of the Division of Trade & Industrial Development in Jameson Avenue, Salisbury.

The Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14th, at 5 p.m. for 5.15 p.m. and is being called in terms of Rule 25 H of the SAOS Constitution. Any member who can possibly attend begged to do so, and at the Meeting your Office-Bearers for the remainder of the year and for 1952 will be appointed.

Appointment of Keeper of Q.V.M. in Salisbury. Mr. K.D. Chapman took up the post at the Museum in September. Many of the Salisbury members have already contacted Mr. Chapman, and found him most interested in our specimens. It is hoped that it will not be long before the various collections are in a new building with plenty of room. Mashonaland members will I am sure work in close co-operation with the new Keeper.

Branch Activities. Congratulations to Bulawayo members who are reported to have discovered White Backed and Hooded Vultures nesting in a 200,000 acre cattle ranch in the Shangani District north of Bulawayo [Wabai Hill, Debshan Ranch]. Photographs were obtained by W.T. Miller, and other useful data was obtained. Ringing however proved too difficult, the nests being inaccessible. A specimen of a Honeyguide was obtained by D. Plowes for research in connection with Dr Friedman's studies in the family of Indicatoridae. Co-operation in this work is also being undertaken by the Swiss Scientist and member of our branch, Dr. Buttiker, in Salisbury. Messrs Irwin and Edwards have both contributed specimens for this research.

Since the last *Bulletin* news of migrants this season has been received from the following members: Mrs. Attwell, Dr. Ashton, Dr. Buttiker, Dr. Campbell, E.A. Edwards, Mrs. Finlayson, A.B. Fletcher, K.W. Greenhow, H.E. Hornby, M.P.S. Irwin, R.A. Jubb, P. Linton, F. Mattyser, B.V. Newby Varty, F. Sheppard.

New Enrolments. Capt. James & R.A. Jubb (Salisbury), Mrs Margesson (Trelawney), H.B. Masterson (Goromonzi), J.G. Pain (Bulawayo), D.C.P. Plowes (Matopos), Miss I. Rorke (Bulawayo), K.D. Smith (Eritrea).

New Publications. For your library I can recommend Dr J.M. Winterbottom's new book, *Common Birds of the Cape* 5/-, at our book shops. A few common birds are chosen and the many gaps in our knowledge are pointed out. As an example, the incubation periods of some species that are very common are not known.

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There are still some copies of *Bokmakierie* No 1 in my possession available at 2/6 each. Also a few copies of the provisional Check List.

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