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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** This will be held in the same conference room as last year, (Dept. of Trade and Commerce, Jameson Avenue, Salisbury) at 5 p.m., on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1952. Next year the AGM will be held in Bulawayo.

This year's meeting will consider our constitution again, and the election of Office bearers for a second term will be held. Any proposals that members wish to put before the meeting should be sent to me early in October at the latest.

**NEW ENROLMENTS INCLUDE:** J. G. Ramsay, (Livingstone); L. S. Taylor (Kumalo, Byo.); Dr. Veasey Fitzgerald (Abercorn)

**BRANCH ACTIVITIES:** Members will be interested to hear that Mr. R.H.N. Smithers, Director of the National Museum, and Major I.R. Grimwood of the N.R. Game and Tsetse Department were in charge of the Ornithological section of the 1952 Carp edition, of the many interesting results so far learnt, space only permits here to mention two new records for the Territory in the Tit Babbler, *Parisoma subcaeruleum cinerascens* and the Greater Glossy Starling, *Lamprotornis australis*. The expedition proceeded west from Nangweshi to the Mashi River area a distance of some 100 miles. Dug-out canoes were employed to explore the Mashi Swamp area in search of Swamp Warblers. The final results from the expedition will be learnt later.

**RINGING.** I have a note from Dr. Ashton who does so much in organising the ringing scheme throughout South Africa. Our participation is growing; 56 species ringed by S.R. members and 35 by Northern Rhodesian members in 1951. This year many more have been banded.

**NEST RECORD CARDS.** The following members have returned cards since the last *Bulletin*: Edwards E.A. (6); Greenhow K.W. (5); Brooke R. (4); Mrs Attwell (1); Hornby H.H. (1) per Capt. G.L. James; Miles H.M. (1). Cards are obtainable free from me, and the SAOS have kindly given us fresh supplies.

**DAWN AND DUSK CHORUS.** It was disappointing to hear that only the following sent in reports. Mrs. Attwell and Messrs' Edwards, Henderson, Hornby, Miles and Mrs. Talent. Mr. Hornby is to be congratulated on his fine effort. We hope that others will 'keep vigil' on September 21<sup>st</sup> and listen for the 'wave of song'. Your notes should be sent, as before to Mrs. G. Attwell, Mornington, Gatooma, who will forward them to the SAOS.

**RAINHAM DAM, SALISBURY - COUNT OF WATERFOWL.** Messrs' Campbell, Henderson, Irwin, and Miles have just completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> years count. There were 50 counts, over the week-ends mostly, as compared with 51 visits in the 1950-51 season. Many members have visited the two dams, and the counts are to continue.

**NEW PUBLICATIONS.** Dr. J.M. Winterbottom's *Common Birds of the Waterways* is now on sale. It costs only 5/-, like the other two of his excellent field handbooks.

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