

gletserkundige se verlangtes ooit sou bewaarheid geword het! Daarenteen verkies Danie Joubert windstil dae om sy ballon vir die meting van kosmiese strale bo 'n sekere vlak suksesvol te kan lanseer. Ionosferikus Derek Sharwood se ore tuit dikwels soos hy bedreig word wanneer die klimaks van 'n belangrike berig deur 'n geweldige gekras bederf word. Die werktuigkundiges skaar hulle saam met Danie want dan kan hulle tog immers sonder handskoene aan die trekkers werk. As die son tog net maar bedags weer wil skyn, dan sal Johan vir oom Wilfred met sy lanterntjie en al tog snags van die trekkers kan weghou.

SANAE, 28th June, 1965:

Our sojourn in Antarctica has come to the halfway mark and now we keenly look forward to the return of the sun. Although temperatures have been exceptionally mild for the peak winter period, storms were frequent and often of a freak nature, for example a 30 knot wind would suddenly die down to be replaced within five minutes by a storm from the northeast gusting over 70 knots. The varied storm directions have resulted in heavy drift snow accumulation in the immediate vicinity of the base. It can only be hoped that a few strong easterly storms will whittle down the level of the snow before the low temperatures have a chance to consolidate the snow heaps.

Republic Day was celebrated in grand style. During the party which followed on a fine meal, Piet the budgie and JJ the non-talking parrot looked on from their respective corners in the rafters. To Piet, now in his fourth year at SANAE, the proceedings were evidently commonplace, but JJ looked on very apprehensively and demurely. It is perhaps just as well that his talking capabilities are well hidden and apparently limited.

Thereafter preparations for midwinter were in full swing. Sewes was seldom seen without a saw in hand and it was a pleasure seeing many new woodwork constructions in the form of cupboards, racks, etc., going up. Everybody assisted in repainting the kitchen and we were rather amazed at the ingenious colour schemes which evolved. The floor was also renewed.

Midwinter proved to be a memorable and happy day. The varied and mostly excellent dishes which appeared on the table during the course of the day made us wonder whether some of the men, for instance Dries Steyn and Wolfgang Pollake, had not missed their vocations in life. Fresh lettuce and radishes from the "garden" played their part to make eating a joy. After an impromptu variety programme gifts were exchanged. Derek assisted by Danie, produced an excellent newspaper to mark the occasion. Laughs were, however, not over yet for the following days saw Johan, Pottie, Zac, Ray and Smittie with beards removed and hair cut short. We extend our sincere thanks to everybody who kindly sent us their good wishes.

MARION, 28th June, 1965:

Apart from the excellent meal and subsequent gay celebration which we had on midwinter's day, we also obtained moral support from the knowledge that from now on summer will be approaching

steadily, not that summer is meteorologically obviously different from winter on this island, but there are the much longer days to look forward to.

The past month has been quite uneventful. There was very little snow, but there were some lovely sunny days and only a few gales. A strong anticyclone remained stationary in our area for some days and with the associated very weak winds aloft we had misgivings that the radio-theodolite might have conked in.

The gentoos are nesting now so that the coastline does not appear entirely abandoned as a few weeks ago.

MARION, 30 Junie, 1965:

Hier op Marion het ons nog steeds die wind van agter en volgens die weerkundiges behoort dit nog vir 'n geruime tyd so aan te hou. *Die ou eiland is ook net soos 'n babatjie, altyd nat en vol winde!* Julie sal ons nou nie wil glo nie maar hier het ons ook die sogenaamde winde van verandering, wat dikwels veranderings in ons werksprogramme en omstandighede veroorsaak. Daar is bv. die herhaaldelike herstel van lugrade.

Ons het ook nou tot die gevolgtrekking gekom dat 'n dieselmajie netso wispelturig kan wees as sommige asters. 'n Paar van die kêrels is net kwaai besig met die bou van modelbootjies. Dit lyk asof hierdie manne Prins Edwardeiland in die oog het. Ons musiekinstrumente het ook al tot twee aangewas en 'n beuel wat nie goed wil fungeer nie het so pas die lig gesien.

GOUGH, 11 Junie 1965:

Die ou lewe is vol insidente en Gough het ook sy beskeie deeltjie daarvan. Ons het bv. hier 'n vierwielwaentjie, genaamd die "Mercedes". Dan is daar die aluminiumpaadjie wat bra steil afdraende loop van die woonhuis af. 'n Kombinasie van dié twee dinge kan gevaarlik wees want dit kos tenminste twee mense om die "Mercedes" te bedwing wanneer dit op die afdraend is. Een mooi middag besluit Ewie mos so ewe om voor te bestuur terwyl twee man agter rem. Ek voel redelik seker dat die tou agter nie vanself losgegaan het nie, maar die volgende oomblik stoot die "Mercedes" vir Ewie dat hy net so hier en daar grondvat. By die draai het hulle weë geskei en kon ons ons bestuurder heel uit die bossies optel.

Daar is een produk waarmee Gough lekker geld sal kan maak, naamlik lewendige muis. Een van ons het 'n muisval van 'n parafienblik gebou en die uiteenlopende belangstelling en afkeuring het byna die inroeping van die Dierbeskermingsvereniging se hulp tot gevolg gehad.

Die eerste goeie sneeval het op 9 Junie plaasgevind en dit het amper meer opgewondenheid veroorsaak as 'n mooiweersdag by SANAE. Die snee het al die bergtoppe bedek en lieflik afgesteek teen die donker lug daaragter.

Ons eerste kennismaking met seeolifante het vir Jannie die skrik van sy lewe besorg. Hy het niksvermoedend vlak voor 'n groot bul verbyggestap en eers na 'n waarskuwing van du Toit agtergekrom in watter gevaar hy hom bevind. Die olifant wonder seker nou nog waarheen Jannie so blitsvinnig verdwyn het.

VOORSITTER SE JAARVERSLAG

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Dit is feitlik 'n stem uit die verlede wat vanaand tot u spreek aangesien ek, om verskeie redes reeds in Oktober my aan die Bestuur van die S.A. Antarktiese Vereniging onttrek het. Dit is egter vir my 'n eer om te kan voldoen aan die versoek om hierdie verslag vir u op te stel. Ek is jammer dat ek weens universiteitsverpligtinge vanaand, soos ander Maandagaande in die toekoms, nie by u kan wees nie.

Ladies and Gentlemen, once again the Association can look back on an eventful year.

Since the previous General Annual Meeting we have had the following meetings:

April—General Annual Meeting, plus Film: Power for Continent Seven.

May—Dr. S. M. Naudé: Journey to Antarctica.

June—Prof. S. P. Jackson and Prof. P. H. Stoker—International Year of the Quiet Sun. (Joint meeting with S.A. Association for the Advancement of Science.)

July—Film evening—(i) Scott's Journey to Antarctica, (ii) The Cold South (Part 3).

August—Mr. W. A. Niemann—"See-ys en -temperature".

September—Mr. Jan Nel—"Voëls en Soogdiere van Antarktika".