

belang stel as 'n moontlike weerstasie. In 1939 het hy 'n uitnodiging van die Britse *Discovery Committee* aanvaar om 'n weerkundige saam te stuur om te gaan kyk of 'n weerstasie moontlik op die eiland gestig kan word. Skrywer het as junior weerkundige die reis met die boot *Discovery II* meegemaak.

Ons het dan ook op 17 Januarie, 1939, presies 200 jaar na die „ontdekking” van die eiland, daarin geslaag om op die strand van die eiland te land. Dit was die

eerste keer dat 'n Suid-Afrikaner met hierdie onherbergsame Bouvet-eiland kennis gemaak het.

Na 1939 is daar nie veel oor die eiland gesê nie, totdat daar in 1955 'n begin gemaak is met die voorbereidings vir die Internasionale Geofisiese jaar (IGJ) van 1957-1958. Die Suid-Afrikaanse komitee vir die IGJ, onder voorsitterskap van dr. J. Schumann, het 'n voorlegging aan die destydse Eerste Minister, adv. J. G. Strydom,

(*Vervolg op bladsy 8*)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Extracts read by Mr. D. G. Kingwill, the retiring Chairman of the S.A. Antarctic Association, 21st March, 1966

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual General Meeting, the number of meetings and functions arranged during the year was reduced. In addition to a lecture presented by Dr. Edna Plumstead on the *Continent of Antarctica—past and present* (*Ant. Bull. No. 9*) at the Annual General Meeting on the 29th March, 1965, lectures were presented by Prof. T. W. Gevers on *Some aspects of Antarctic geology* and by Prof. E. M. van Zinderen Bakker and Dr. W. J. Verwoerd on the *Biology and Geology of Marion Island* (*Ant. Bull. Nos. 12 and 13*); the lecture was a combined meeting with the Pretoria centre of the Association for the Advancement of Science held at the Museum of Science and Industry.

At the annual dinner held at the Constantia Club on the 12th June, 1965, I was privileged to announce that Dr. S. M. Naudé, President of the CSIR, had honoured the Association by agreeing to be joint patron with Prof. S. P. Jackson. The speaker at the annual dinner was Prof. P. J. Stoker and the Antarctic Medal for 1965 was presented to Mr. Victor von Brunn of the Department of Geology, University of Cape Town (*Ant. Bull. No. 10*).

The Association took advantage of the gathering of the members of the 7th Antarctic Expedition in Pretoria prior to departure to organize a social gathering at the Constantia Club on the 13th December, 1965. This was a very successful occasion which provided members of the Association with an opportunity of making the acquaintance of members of the expedition and the leader, Mr. Sean Kavanagh.

In general, it can be said that this represents a highly successful programme of activities. The meetings and other gatherings were well supported by members and the lectures succeeded in combining the popular presentation of scientific topics with personal experience of Antarctic research.

Antarctic Medal

Acting on a suggestion made by my predecessor, Mr. J. J. le Grange, the Committee decided to reserve the announcement of the award of the Antarctic Medal for the Annual General Meeting. It therefore gives me great pleasure to announce that the Committee, on the recommendation of the Medal Committee, has decided to award the Antarctic Medal for 1966 to Mr. Marten du Preez. He is well known to all associated with Antarctic activities and I shall, therefore, say no more at this stage as the full citation will be presented with the Medal at the Antarctic Dinner in accordance with established tradition. As Chairman of the Association, I would, however, like to say how pleased I am to be able to announce at the end of my year of Office that the award of the Medal has been made mainly on

recognition of leadership in Antarctic conditions. I am sure all those who know Mr. Du Preez will be equally pleased with this award.

Bouvet Island

On behalf of the Association, I should like to take this opportunity of extending our heartiest congratulations to Mr. S. A. Engelbrecht, Director of the Weather Bureau, on the success achieved on the recent reconnaissance of Bouvet Island, of which he was the leader. It is indeed great news that Mr. Engelbrecht's expedition has established the practicability of establishing a weather station on Bouvet Island.

Antarktiese Bulletin

Members will no doubt be pleased to hear that the Foundation for Education, Science and Technology has agreed to the distribution of copies of the Bulletin with each issue of *Spectrum*, the journal which the Foundation publishes quarterly for science teachers. I understand that BP Southern Africa (Pty.) Ltd. has generously agreed to print the extra 6,000 copies required for this purpose.

Museum of Science and Industry

Your Association has been invited by the Curator of the Museum of Science and Industry, Mr. Murray Schoonraad, to make its headquarters at the Museum. As you know, the Museum is about to move into new premises in a building which is nearing completion in Skinner Street. I understand that there is an auditorium available and that lockers are provided for the use of societies for storing their records and other documents. I commend this invitation to the consideration of the incoming committee.

Members are doubtless aware that Dr. and Mrs. Taljaard will be away for a year, from August 1965. Dr. Taljaard has been invited by the National Centre for Atmospheric Research to spend a year working at Boulder, Colorado. I am sure that you would wish me to congratulate him on your behalf. In the meantime the Association will have to find an editor for the Bulletin.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to those who supported me in the discharge of this office. In particular, I must mention the Vice-Chairman, Comdt. W. J. Chapman, without whose help I could not have presumed to serve as your Chairman. Furthermore, I am sure that I speak for all of you in thanking our excellent Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Christine Taljaard, for all that she has done for the Association in this as in previous years. Another special word of thanks is due to Dr. Jan Taljaard, the Editor of the *Antarktiese Bulletin* for discharging a difficult task with distinction.