

NEW BIRD SURVEY RECORDS



THE two birds on the accompanying photographs constitute excellent examples of what can be attained through public interest and co-operation.

The young open-billed stork ("oop-bek ooievaar", *Anastomus lamelligerus*) (left), was found dead at a dam near Welkom, by Dr J. B. Davies. Realising that it could possibly be the first scientific record in the O.F.S. of this inhabitant of tropical Africa and Madagascar, he brought it to the Museum, where his suspicions were confirmed. The excellent rains of the last summer must have contributed towards a temporary enlargement of the distribution area of this species, when numerous sightings were also recorded in the Transvaal.



The other photograph shows a white-browed coucal ("vleioerie", *Centropus superciliosus*) which was seriously injured when found at the homestead of Mr N. Meyer of Merinoplaas, Bloemfontein, who donated it to the Museum. Although this coucal is not an uncommon bird in the northern districts of our Province, this particular one constitutes an important scientific record on the southern limits of its distribution area.

The photographs depict the birds after they were mounted by taxidermist Sjoerd van Ee, for display purposes.

Nuwe Historiese Aanwinste New Historical Aquisitions



1. Mev. Schilthuis, eggenote van die voormalige ere-handelkommissaris van Suid-Afrika in Rotterdam, vanaf 1925-1940 het belangrike gaste altyd hul name laat teken op haar tafeldoek en dit dan later uitgeborduur. Hierdie tafeldoek met handtekeninge van persone soos dr. D. F. Malan, dr. Ernst van Heerden en vele ander is onlangs aan die Museum geskenk.

2. Medical, dental, and pharmaceutical equipment have been received from various donors, and will shortly form part of two new displays. Amongst others we thank Coetzee Hairdressers, Mrs S. Potgieter and Dr J. Stegmann of Bloemfontein, and Mrs N. Nester of Jagersfontein for worthwhile donations.

3. Hierdie sleepwa van 'n Bloemfonteinse elektriese trolleibus is vanaf 1915 tot

1935 gebruik om passasiers gedurende spitsstye te vervoer. Geskenk deur mnr. D. van Heerden van Acho Metals.

4. Hierdie stoomenjin, wat gebruik is om dors- en boormasjiene aan te dryf, is deur mnr. C. B. Finlay van Tweespruit aan die Museum bemaak.

5. A National cash register, circa 1900, donated by Mr. H. Sinclair of Business Machine Services, Bloemfontein.