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## EDITORIAL

This year's Annual Business Meeting was hosted by the Ife-Ife Branch, whose members were celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Events organised to mark the occasion included an Arts and Crafts Exhibition in the University Foyer, a talk on Domestic Architecture in Ife-Ife by Dr. (Mrs.) Oşaşona, an Ecology Quiz for secondary schools and an Award Night. The winners of the Quiz were Moremi High School, Oladimeji International School and Federal Government Girls' College, Ipetumodu.

Awards for service to the Nigerian Field Society were presented by Ife Branch to:

- Dr. J. Lowe (member of the Society from 1959; Enugu Branch Secretary 1961-62, member of Ibadan Branch Committee 1970-85 and its Secretary 1977-80, member of the Editorial Board 1983-94 and Editor 1985-94, Council Member resident in the U.K. and Distribution Secretary from 1994)
- Prof. D.T. Okpako (Vice President and Chairman of Council, 1991-1994. President and Chairman of Council 1994-2000)
- Eng. N.O. Oyelola (Chairman of Ibadan Branch, 1976-2000. Vice President 1994-2000. President and Chairman of Council 2000-date)

and stalwart members of the Ife Branch:

- Dr. I.F. Adeniyi (Secretary 1986-date)
- Prof. G.J.A. Ojo (Chairman 1976-77)
- Prof. J.R.O. Ojo (Chairman 1977-80)
- Mr. A.A. Şijuade (Treasurer 1977-80, Chairman 1981-98)
- Chief J.O. Toriola (Committee Member 1973-4, 1976-7, 2000-date)
- Professor R. Makanjuola (Vice Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University)

The lady members of the Ife Branch played a prominent role in extending most generous hospitality to all who attended the A.B.M. We thank Prof. E.A. Odu (Chairman), Dr. I.F. Adeniyi (Secretary) and all members of the Ife Branch who contributed to the success of the occasion.

Three important decisions were taken at the Annual Business Meeting:

1. That the Naira subscription be increased to five hundred Naira per

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Frontispiece: The White-spotted Pigmy Rail (*Sarcthrura pulchra* (Gray), by C.G. Young

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annum for individual members. It should also be noted that the cost of posting one journal is now two hundred and ten naira due to an increase in postal charges by NIPOST.

2. That a directory of all Nigerian Field Society members be drawn up to appear in the Handbook which will be for private circulation only.
3. That selections of articles from past issues of *The Nigerian Field* grouped according to subject matter be published by SEFER, an Ibadan publisher. All costs of production and distribution will be borne by the publisher. All royalties will accrue to the Society.

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, the National Museum of Unity was commissioned in Ibadan by the Executive Governor of Oyo State, Lam Adegina on behalf of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Olusegun Obasanjo. Situated in pleasant wooded grounds, the museum buildings consist of a number of inter-connecting circular galleries at ground level. The exhibits include musical instruments, masquerade costumes, wood and metal sculpture, craft processes and Yoruba pottery. (See Antonia K. Fatunsin, *Yoruba pottery*. Reviewed *Niger. Fld.* 60:86).

Perhaps the most spectacular exhibits are two wooden verandah posts commissioned from Lamidi Fakeye by Bernard Fagg at the time of Nigeria's Independence in 1960 and the beaded regalia of Oba Abimbolu of Ijebu Remo. The Museum is situated near Alesinloye Market and is open from 9am-5pm seven days a week. Admission costs ₦30 and an attractive exhibition guide is available at ₦100.

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