

SHORTER NOTICES

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING. August, 1956. (With many photographs and a map.) 2s. 6d. (post free 2s. 9d.). The Planning Centre, 28 King Street, London, W.C. 2.

This comprehensive issue, besides articles by Lord Strang (Chairman of the National Parks Commission) on British policy, by Dr. W. G. Hoskins on scenic character, and by Mr. R. S. R. Fitter on wild life, has notes on each national park in Britain by its own authority. Two rather critical articles by a spokesman of the National Farmers' Union and Mr. J. D. U. Ward are useful as exhortations to visitors to avoid damage. The need for more accommodation and provision for caravanners is stated by representatives of the Youth Hostels Association and the Caravan Club. There are descriptions of national parks and nature reserves in South Africa, Japan, Canada, the Netherlands, America, Poland, Turkey, Victoria and Belgium.

CAPE WILD LIFE, No. 12, June, 1956.

This issue of the News Sheet of the Western Province Branch of the Wild Life Protection Society of South Africa, is devoted to a report on wild life preservation in South-West Africa. The recent history of the territory with its four large game reserves—the largest stretching from Etoska Pan to the Kaokoveld coast, is 26,700 square miles in area—and the present situation are reviewed. Finally, in the light of past and present, the future prospects of wild life in this important area are considered.

PREDATOR CONTROL, WHY AND HOW. State of Missouri Conservation Committee.

A little book published to tell Missouri farmers what predation really is and, when predator control is necessary, how it should be carried out. The word predator in popular American seems roughly equivalent to "vermin" in England, or, as the book puts it "any creature that has beaten you to another creature you wanted for yourself". A strong plea is made for destroying only the individual animal which is doing damage, leaving the rest of his race to work for your advantage in rodent control—a policy which has proved completely effective in Missouri, under a government instruction scheme.

The latter part of the book gives advice on recognizing the enemy by his signs and handiwork, be he coyote, fox or killer-