

past, followed by the kob ; there must have been two thousand of them. They galloped past the line of cars and councillors like a regiment of cavalry on review. It was as though the topi were themselves demanding admission to the park."

Construction, visitors, education, the weather and research are dealt with briefly and the hippopotamus problem at greater length ; but that will be the subject of an article in the next *Oryx* by Mr. R. M. Bere, the Director. There are notes on some of the animals in the parks, and of the deplorable necessity to shoot that fine elephant, the Lord Mayor of Paraa, because of the damage he did to visitors' cars. His death is due to the indiscipline, stupidity and callousness of visitors who, in search of sensational photographs, encouraged him by offerings of fruit, to come to their cars.

Additions to the check list of birds published in the previous year's report are given.

## THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Offices of the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, N.W. 1, on Wednesday, 22nd April, 1959, at 5.0 p.m.

The Marquess of Willingdon, President, in the Chair.

Tea may be obtained before the Meeting in the Fellows' Restaurant at prices according to Members' requirements.

### AGENDA

- (1) Reading and confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- (2) Presentation of the Auditors' Report.
- (3) Discussion of the Auditors' Report.
- (4) Presentation of the Council's Annual Report.
- (5) Discussion of the Council's Annual Report.
- (6) Election of Officers of the Society.
- (7) Election of members to fill vacancies on the Council.
- (8) To consider proposed amendments to Rules of the Society, Numbers 2 and 7. These amendments were published in *Oryx* IV, 6, to enable members to have twenty-one days' notice of them, in accordance with the Rules of the Society.

## NOTES

(1) The Auditors' Report, the accounts for 1958 and the Council's Annual Report are published in this number of *Oryx*.

(2) The Council recommend that the following shall be elected as Officers of the Society for 1959 :—

*President* : The Marquess of Willingdon.

*Honorary Treasurer* : I. D. Malcolmson, Esq.

(3) The following members of Council retire on 22nd April, 1959, and are not eligible for re-election for one year :—

Syed W. Ameer Ali.

Dr. F. F. Darling.

Lady Tweedsmuir.

(4) The following have been appointed to fill vacancies on Council and their names are submitted for confirmation :—

James Fisher, Esq.

Dr. L. Harrison Matthews.

E. O. Shebbeare, Esq.

## LECTURE

(To follow immediately after the A.G.M.)

5.30–6.30 p.m. Water, the Artery of National Parks. By F. D. Lovatt-Smith. Illustrated with a film.

## GENERAL MEETINGS

The thanks of the Society are offered to the following :—

Sir Landsborough Thomson, C.B., D.Sc., for his interesting lecture in the Serengeti National Park, given on 7th October, 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Darnton for showing their beautiful film of the birds of Tobago, on the 22nd October, 1958.

## THE JOURNAL

Bound numbers of *Oryx*, Volume III are for sale at £1 8s. Most back numbers of *Oryx*, Volume III and IV are available at 2s. 6d. and of the S.P.F.E. journal at 1s. All prices include postage. Back numbers of *Oryx* are in constant demand and any sent to the Secretary will be gratefully acknowledged. Volume IV, No. 1, is urgently needed.

## WILD LIFE FILMS

The film library consists of the following 16 mm. films and two 35 mm. film strips. All are coloured unless otherwise stated. They may be borrowed by members and others.

*Silent Films (with Captions)*

- “The African Elephant.” 10 minutes.
- “Wild Life in East Africa.” 30 minutes
- “Wild Life in Southern Rhodesia.” Elephants and other animals in the Wankie National Park, with a commentary. 15 minutes.
- “Wild Animals of the Indian Jungle.” 20 minutes.
- “Foxes and Badgers.” 11 minutes.
- “Animals of Australia.” 10 minutes, black and white.
- “Wild Camels of Mongolia.” 4 minutes.

*Sound Films*

- “Kinship of the Creature.” The animals of East Africa, with a plea for their conservation. 30 minutes.
- “South Africa's Game Parks.” A tourist film of the Kruger National Parks and the Hluhluwe Reserve. 16 minutes.
- “Wild Life Sanctuary.” A new film of the Kruger National Park, most kindly lent to the Society by the South African Information Service, Pretoria. 25 minutes.
- “Expedition Moose.” The protection of the moose in Ontario, Canada. 18 minutes.
- “Ring-necked Pheasant.” The life-history in Canada of the introduced ring-necked pheasant. 12 minutes.
- “Heritage of Natal and Zululand.” A tourist film of the Natal National Parks. 12 minutes.
- “Wild Life in Uganda.” 12 minutes.
- “Stronghold of the Wild.” East African animals and the work of the game departments. 35 minutes, black and white.
- “Down in the Forest.” Australia (Kangaroos). 6 minutes.
- “Kaziranga.” The wild animals of the Kaziranga Sanctuary, Assam. 12 minutes.

*35 mm. Film Strips*

- “Wild Life in East Africa.” Twenty-five coloured pictures of animals, with a written commentary, suitable for an hour's talk.
- “The Ceylon Elephant.” A plea for the preservation of the elephant in Ceylon. Twenty-six pictures, with a written commentary, suitable for an hour's talk. Black and white.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

In 1958 7,400 Christmas cards were sold for £351 2s. 4d.

The following will be the Society's Christmas cards for 1959 :—

- (a) “Caribou and Calf.” In full colour by Maurice Wilson.

(b) "Lioness and Cubs in the Serengeti National Park." In full colour, by Maurice Wilson.

(c) "Sable Antelope." In black and white, by Miss R. Tomkinson.

(d) "The Red Lechwe." In black and white from a photograph sent by Mr. L. P. Warland.

*Prices.*—With envelopes and including postage :—

(a) and (b) 1s. each, 8s. a dozen.

(c) and (d) 6d. each, 5s. 6d. a dozen.

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