

## THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

### GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of the Society will take place at the offices of the Zoological Society of London on Wednesday, 26th August, 1953, at 5 p.m.

#### AGENDA

(1) Minutes of the last meeting.

(2) Consideration of the following amendment proposed by the Council to Rules of the Society, No. 5 :

Delete lines 1-13 and substitute :

The Council shall consist of the Officers and Vice-Presidents of the Society, and of not more than 15 other members, of whom the three senior by length of service shall retire annually and not be eligible for re-election for one year.

(3) Current work—a brief report by the Secretary.

(4) Questions and suggestions.

(5) A Cuckoo Reared by Hand. A talk, illustrated by lantern slides, by Mr. Maxwell Knight, O.B.E., F.L.S.

(6) A film by Mr. F. A. Bates : Foxes, Badgers, and Otters.

*Tea*, 1s. per person, will be served in the Zoological Society's Library at 4.30 p.m. Members are invited to bring friends.

#### ANNIVERSARY MEETING

To commemorate the foundation of this Society in 1903 an Anniversary Meeting, in conjunction with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, will be held on Saturday, 24th October, 1953. There will be three sessions.

*Session No. 1.*—Time, 2.15 p.m.

*Place* : Hoare Memorial Hall, Church House, Westminster, London.

*Chairman* : The Marquess of Willingdon, President, the Fauna Preservation Society.

*Sessions Nos. 2 and 3.*—Times, 5.30 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. respectively.

*Place* : Convocation Hall, Church House, Westminster, London.

*Chairman* : Lord Forester, Chairman of the Council, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

*Programme for all Sessions.*

Introductory speech by the Chairman.

Film : " Wild Animals of India," showing the tiger, the great Indian rhinoceros, and other animals.

Followed by a new bird film prepared by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

*Admission.*—Free, by ticket only, guests are welcome. Apply : The Secretary, F.P.S., c/o Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, N.W. 1. Please state number of tickets required and whether for a particular session or for " any session ". The allocation of tickets is made easier if, whenever possible, applications are for " any session ". All applications will be acknowledged, but actual tickets will not be issued until 1st October.

At all sessions the literature of both Societies will be available.

REPORT OF THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FAUNA PRESERVATION SOCIETY, held at the Offices of the Zoological Society of London on Wednesday, 1st April, 1953.

The Marquess of Willingdon, President, in the Chair.

About eighty members present.

(1) The Minutes of the First Annual Meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

(2) The Auditors' Report and the Council's Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1952, were approved and adopted.

(3) The Officers of the Society for the ensuing year were unanimously elected.

*President.*—The Marquess of Willingdon.

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

(4) The following members were elected to fill vacancies on the Council :—

F. S. Collier, Esq., C.B.E.

Sir Geoffrey de Havilland, C.B.E.

G. Kenneth Whitehead, Esq.

(5) Dr. P. G. Van Tienhoven was unanimously elected a Vice-President of the Society.

The Marquess of Willingdon, after expressing his gratitude to the Society for re-electing him President, thanked the Honorary Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Assistant Secretary for their work during the past year.

He pointed out that the excess of income over expenditure was due to a few most generous donations. These could not be

expected to be a permanent feature of the accounts ; nevertheless they would make it possible to expend more on the preservation of wild life, which was the sole object of the Society's existence.

Immediately after the meeting Miss Frances Pitt gave a lecture entitled " A Naturalist in Norway ", illustrated by her own films.

*General Meeting.*—A General Meeting was held on 24th February, 1953. Mr. H. F. E. Elliot gave a lecture entitled " The Wild Life of Tristan da Cunha ", accompanied by his own film.

*Christmas Cards.*—The Society is most grateful to Miss E. D. Tinne, who allowed the use of her pastel drawing, and to Mr. L. R. Brightwell, who produced a special design for our 1953 Christmas cards. Order forms will be found in this number of *Oryx*.

*Film Library.*—The Society gratefully acknowledges the following films given by the Carling Conservation Club of Canada—" Expedition Moose " and " Ring-necked Pheasant ".

The film library now consists of the following 16 mm. coloured films. They may be borrowed by members.

" The African Elephant." F.P.S. Film No. 1, 10 minutes, silent.

" The Wild Life of East Africa." F.P.S. Film No. 2, 45 minutes, silent.

" Animals of Ceylon." F.P.S. Film No. 3, 20 minutes, silent.

" Wild Animals of the Indian Jungle." F.P.S. Film No. 4, 30 minutes, silent.

" Animal Kingdom." A tourist film of the Kruger National Park, 25 minutes, sound.

" Expedition Moose." 18 minutes, sound. The protection of the moose in Ontario, Canada.

" Ring-necked Pheasant." 14 minutes, sound. The preservation in Canada of the introduced ring-necked pheasant, and its life-history from egg to death.

*Oryx.*—Bound volumes of *Oryx*, Volume I, may be had from the Secretary for £1, post free.

The price of individual numbers of Volume I is reduced to 1s., post free.

*Change of Address.*—Will members please notify changes of address immediately to the Secretary.