

## *Ian Malcolmson*

Ian Donald Malcolmson TD, who died on September 4 1981 aged 76, was a member of FPS for nearly 50 years – he joined in 1933. He served the Society as its Hon. Treasurer from 1950, when he succeeded Geoffrey Dent, until he retired in 1979, and throughout these 30 years achieved the remarkable record of never missing a meeting of the Council. Thanks to his sound financial acumen, knowledge and experience, the Society's investments during his period of office were maintained in a most healthy state. His colleagues were delighted that, when the ffPS Roll of Honour was formally inaugurated at the last annual general meeting, his name was the first to be inscribed.

Ian was educated at Eton and Trinity, Cambridge, and served in the King's Royal Rifle Corps from 1939 to 1945, rising to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. From 1929 he was a member, and from 1946 to his retirement in 1967 a partner, in the well known stockbroking firm of J. & A. Scrimgeour. For some years he was chairman of Boodle's Club.

From its foundation he took a keen interest in the World Wildlife Fund, and was for 13 years a Trustee of WWF-UK, and from 1979 a Vice-President.

A member of the old guard of wildlife conservationists, he adapted to the new concepts, and worked devotedly to promote the two voluntary organisations, ffPS and WWF, with which he was so closely involved; for ffPS he was always a wise and sympathetic counsellor.

## *G.D. Hayes of Malawi*

**Col. Leofric Boyle, ffPS Vice-President and formerly Hon. Secretary writes:**

We have heard, with sorrow, of the death of one of our senior members and most effective collaborators, G.D. Hayes of Malawi, who joined FPS in 1945. G.D. died suddenly on 23rd October 1981. Only a fortnight before he had been supervising the annual game count in the Lengwe National Park, and thoroughly enjoying it. He leaves a widow Francis and their son.

G.D. and his wife spent their working lives in Malawi where they ran a private business, but where G.D. was also always in the forefront in the field of wildlife conservation. For many years he was secretary of the Malawi (then Nyasaland) Fauna Preservation Society, and later became its Chairman.

Early in 1953 we find him at Mjeti Hill in south Malawi, working to improve the water supply for the numerous animals of that barren area, which had earlier been declared a non-shooting area through the joint efforts of our two societies. Later in the same year he is in London discussing plans and arranging for the British FPS to pay the wages of a game guard for the Mjeti. Perhaps however it is with the Lengwe and its nyala antelopes that his name will be most closely associated, and here again co-operation between the two societies ensured that a new road ran round not through this sanctuary.

But all G.D.'s activity might have been in vain had he not foreseen the political changes, so that, following his natural inclinations, he was able to gain the confidence of the new political leaders. Thus he succeeded not only in arousing or confirming their interest in Malawi's wildlife but sometimes in obtaining improvements in favour of wild animals which the colonial power might have found it impossible or impolitic to introduce.