

THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1958, AT 5 P.M.

Sir T. Shenton Thomas, G.C.M.G., O.B.E., Vice-President,
in the Chair.

1. *The Minutes* of the last Annual General Meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. *Vice-President.* The Chairman proposed and it was carried unanimously that H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore be elected a vice-president of the Society.

3. *Auditors' Report.* The Chairman proposed and it was carried unanimously that the Report of the Auditors and the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1957, be approved and adopted.

4. *Arising out of the Auditors' Report:—*

(a) Mr. E. Cohen suggested that the question of the continuance of membership by members in arrears with their subscriptions should be considered. The Chairman said that this point would be brought to the notice of Council with a view to possible amendment of the Society's Rule No. 2.

(b) The Treasurer pointed out that the excess of expenditure over income for the year was due to non-recurring items, for instance Professor Pearsall's visit to Tanganyika for the Serengeti Committee of Enquiry and the Secretary's tour of East and Central Africa.

(c) Mr. E. P. Field spoke of the enormous progress made by the Society since he became a member thirty years ago and paid tribute to the work of the Society's Council and officials.

5. The Chairman proposed and it was carried unanimously that the Report of the Council for the year ending 31st December, 1957, be approved and adopted.

6. *Election of Officers.* It was proposed by Mr. P. Sherfield, seconded by Mr. E. P. Field and carried unanimously that the Marquess of Willingdon be re-elected President of the Society, and Mr. I. D. Malcolmson re-elected Honorary Treasurer.

7. *New Members of Council.* It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. A. C. Botwright and carried unanimously that the following elections to Council be confirmed:—

G. C. L. Bertram, Esq., M.A., Ph.D.

R. S. R. Fitter, Esq.

Sir Landsborough Thomson, C.B., O.B.E., D.Sc.

G. K. Whitehead, Esq.

8. *Secretary's African Tour.* Immediately after the Annual General Meeting the Secretary showed a series of coloured pictures taken during his tour of East and Central Africa.

9. *Brains Trust.* The Meeting concluded with a "Brains Trust" organized to answer questions raised by the Secretary's Report on his African tour. Chairman: Mr. Maxwell Knight. Members: Dr. F. F. Darling, Mr. I. D. Malcolmson, Dr. E. B. Worthington, The Secretary.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Knight and the Members of the Panel, which was carried with acclamation.

The meeting ended at 6.30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Society is most grateful to Miss Robin Tomkinson and Mr. Maurice Wilson for so kindly giving the pictures which form the subjects of this year's Christmas cards. Order forms will be found in this number of *Oryx*.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The thanks of the Society are accorded to Lieut.-Colonel E. H. Cobb, O.B.E., for his interesting illustrated lecture on 18th June, 1958. Subject: "The Markhor—The great goat of the Himalayas."

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.

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. Of zoological interest. Gratefully received from the Hon. Ivor Montagu, on behalf of the Mongolian Film Organization, Ulan Bator, Peoples Republic of Mongolia.

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 Park and the Hluhluwe Reserve. 16 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.