

in some other parts of Kenya is so grossly overstocked that domestic animals could easily provide the hunting tribes with all their meat, if only a proper system of marketing could be enforced.

There are other very interesting sections and throughout the whole there shines the light of a change of public and government attitude towards the wild life of Kenya. If this new spirit lives, it must surely spread, and then our present deadly fear of the annihilation of the wild fauna of Africa will prove groundless.

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The ninth issue of this journal includes, besides the usual reports of the activities of member schools, two botanical and two zoological essays. Michael D. Ward, of Ilford County High School, describes a piece of field research on the feeding ecology of the common redstart, which shows that the hen has different feeding habits from the cock. D. E. Pressland, of Bishop's Stortford College, discusses some experiments he undertook on the vertical zonation of butterflies on Reigate Hill, Surrey. Some kinds of butterfly, if displaced, immediately flew back to where they had come from. Others did not.

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 Tuesday, 16th April, 1957, at 5.0 p.m.

The Marquess of Willingdon, President, in the Chair.

Tea will be served in the Fellows' Restaurant at 4.15 p.m.
Price 1s.

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.

NOTES

(1) The Auditors' Report, the accounts for 1956, 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 1957 :—

President : The Marquess of Willingdon.

Honorary Treasurer : I. D. Malcolmson, Esq.

(3) In accordance with Rule 5, the following members of Council retire on 16th April, 1957, and are not eligible for re-election for one year :—

F. S. Collier, Esq.

R. S. R. Fitter, Esq.

G. K. Whitehead, Esq.

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

Dr. Peter Crowcroft.

Maxwell Knight, Esq.

Captain C. R. S. Pitman, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

Sir W. Ling Taylor, C.B.E.

LECTURE AND FILM

Immediately after the Annual General Meeting, Mr. F. D. Lovatt Smith will give a talk entitled " Wild Life Preservation in Amboseli National Reserve ", which will be illustrated by a film.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The thanks of the Society are accorded to the following who most kindly gave interesting illustrated lectures at General Meetings :—

16th August, 1956.—Mr. Lee M. Talbot—A description of his six months' tour of North Africa, the Middle East and Asia on behalf of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

4th December, 1956.—Lieutenant-Colonel E. H. Cobb, O.B.E.—" Marco Polo's Great Sheep ".

26th February, 1957.—Dr. W. M. Holdgate—" Gough Island, A Natural Sanctuary ".

COUNCIL MEETINGS

In 1956, Meetings of Council were held on 5th January, 22nd March, 17th July and 16th October.

The following Council meetings have been arranged for 1957 : Wednesday, 12th June ; Tuesday, 19th November.

THE JOURNAL

Starting with this number the price of *Oryx* will be 5s. It will continue to be sent free to members.

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WILD LIFE FILMS

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

Silent Films

"The African Elephant." 10 minutes.

"Wild Life of 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.

Sound Films

"Kinship of the Creature." The animals of East Africa, with a plea for their preservation. 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 Strip

"Wild Life in East Africa." Twenty-five coloured pictures of animals, with a written commentary, suitable for an hour's talk.