

## THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

*Council Meetings* were held on 20th July and 19th October, 1954. A summary of points of interest to members generally is given below. Mr. Roger Tory Peterson, the American naturalist, attended the first of these meetings and spoke about wild life preservation in Canada and the United States.

The £40 grant to the Nyasaland Fauna Preservation Society was renewed for another year. It pays the wages of a game guard at the Mijeti.

The Secretary was appointed to represent the Society on the Co-ordinating Advisory Committee on Oil Pollution of the Sea.

Three suggestions were sent forward on subjects for discussion at the conference of the International Union for the Preservation of Nature to be held in Edinburgh in 1956. They related to the use of game meat as a protein supply for primitive peoples, the Balance of Nature and the international control of national parks.

The President emphasized the importance of education in wild life preservation among adults and children and asked members of Council to give lectures illustrated by the Society's films. Two lectures were arranged to take place at the Overseas League before Christmas and a third early in 1955. Talks to schools are also being given.

*General Meetings* were held on 15th July and 4th October, 1954.

On 15th July the Secretary reported on the Beirut conference on nature conservation in the Near East, at which he had represented the Society and the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves.

Colonel Jack Hilton, Deputy Director of the Kenya National Parks, showed a film of Kenya and gave a commentary.

On 4th October the Secretary reported on the Copenhagen Conference of the International Union for the Protection of Nature, at which he had represented the Society.

Dr. Bassett showed a film of wild life in western Canada and gave a commentary.

The Society is most grateful to Colonel Hilton and Dr. Bassett for their very interesting films and talks.

*Wild Life Films.*—The film library consists of the following 16 mm. films. Unless otherwise mentioned, they are coloured. They may be borrowed by members.

*Silent Films.*

- “The African Elephant.” 10 minutes.  
 “Wild Life of East Africa.” 45 minutes.  
 “Animals of Ceylon.” 20 minutes.  
 “Wild Animals of the Indian Jungle.” 20 minutes.  
 “Foxes and Badgers.” 11 minutes.  
 “Animals of Australia.” 10 minutes, black and white.

*Sound Films.*

- “Animal Kingdom.” A tourist film of the Kruger National Park, 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.” A film of the work of the East African game departments. 35 minutes, black and white.  
 “Down in the Forest.” Australia (Kangaroos). 6 minutes.

## NOTICE

*Saturday, 19th February, 1955, at 3 p.m.*

*The Royal Festival Hall, London.*

The Fauna Preservation Society and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds present:—

“Wild America,” a colour film of the wild life of the American continent from Newfoundland to Alaska by way of Mexico.

Commentary by Mr. JAMES FISHER.

The film was taken by Dr. Roger Tory Peterson, the American ornithologist, in 1953, when he and Mr. James Fisher travelled through North America to study the management of wild life reserves.

Besides beautiful pictures of mammals and birds, much lovely scenery will be shown.

A Meeting at the Royal Festival Hall is a new venture for our two Societies and can succeed only with the whole-hearted support of the members of both. Please book the date now and make the meeting known among your friends.

*Tickets* from 1st December, 1954, onwards. Obtainable from the Royal Festival Hall, London, S.E. 1.

*Prices* : 12s. 6d., 10s., 7s. 6d., 5s., 2s. 6d.