

## 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 Wednesday, 28th April, 1954, at 5 p.m.

The Marquess of Willingdon, President, in the Chair.

Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m., price 1s.

### *Agenda*

- (1) Reading and confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- (2) Presentation of the Auditor's Report.
- (3) Discussion of the Auditor's 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 1953, and the Council's Annual Report are published in this number of *Oryx*.

(2) The Council recommends that the following shall be elected as Officers of the Society for 1953 :—

*President* : The Marquess of Willingdon.

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

(3) In accordance with F.P.S. Rule 5, the following members of Council retire on 28th April, 1954, and are not eligible for re-election for one year :—

Waris Ameer Ali, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S. (retired).

Captain Keith Caldwell.

S. A. Neave, Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E., M.A., D.Sc., F.R.E.S.

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

F. Fraser Darling, Esq., D.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.S.E.

G. Dent, Esq., M.C.

L. Harrison Matthews, Esq., Sc.D., F.L.S.

*Lecture.*—Immediately after the Annual General Meeting there will be an illustrated talk by the Secretary entitled "Some animals and birds of India and Kashmir".

THE COUNCIL

Meetings of the Council were held on 22nd October, 1953, and 24th February, 1954.

Points of special interest to members generally are given below :—

*Visits to Africa.*—The President announced that Captain K. Caldwell, Mr. I. D. Malcolmson, and he himself would be visiting Africa during the winter, 1953–4. It was agreed that they should act as representatives of the Society and, especially, that Captain Caldwell should represent the Society at the opening of the Queen Elizabeth National Park by Her Majesty in April, 1954.

*Gold Coast.*—The Council took note of a letter from the Colonial Office stating that it was hoped to re-create the post of game warden as soon as accommodation had been arranged.

*British Mammals.*—Letters, with a copy of *Oryx*, were sent to ninety-six natural history societies in Great Britain, in the hope of interesting them in the British mammals section. Few replies were received.

Council Meetings have been arranged for the following dates, all at 2.30 p.m. :—

Tuesday, 6th April.  
Tuesday, 20th July.  
Tuesday, 19th October.

OTHER MATTERS

*Acknowledgment.*—The Secretary gratefully acknowledges the receipt, from Dr. T. C. S. Morrison-Scott, of the following :—

Checklist of Palearctic and Indian Mammals—Ellerman and Morrison-Scott.

Checklist of Southern African Mammals—Ellerman, Morrison-Scott, and Hayman.

*Oryx.*—The following numbers of *Oryx* are required. Copies will be gratefully acknowledged :—

Volume 1, No. 1.  
Volume 1, No. 5  
Volume 2, No. 3.

*Christmas Cards.*—6,677 Christmas cards were sold for approximately £253.

*Wild Life Films.*—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.

“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, 20 minutes, silent.

“Foxes and Badgers.” F.P.S. Film No. 5, 11 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.” 12 minutes, sound. The life-history in Canada of the introduced ring-necked pheasant.