

THE SOCIETY'S BUSINESS

General Meeting—Rules of the Society.—At a General Meeting held on 26th August, 1953, Mr. Maxwell Knight gave a most interesting talk entitled “A cuckoo reared by hand”, illustrated by his own slides. This was followed by a film, “Foxes, Badgers and Otters,” very kindly lent by Mr. F. A. Bates, a member of the Society.

At the same meeting the following amendment to the Rules of the Society was proposed by Captain C. R. S. Pitman, seconded by Lieut.-Col. G. A. E. Gibbs, and carried unanimously:—

Rule 5 (as published in the Appendix to *Oryx*, Vol. I, No. 4): delete lines 1 to 13 and substitute—“The Council shall consist of the Officers and Vice-Presidents of the Society; and of not more than fifteen other members, of whom the three senior by length of service shall retire annually and not be eligible for re-election for one year.”

Price of “Oryx”.—The Council have decided that the price of *Oryx* should be raised from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. The change is due to the enlargement of the journal by the inclusion of a section on British mammals. The journal will still be sent free to members of the Society.

Film Library.—The Society gratefully acknowledges the gift by Mr. F. A. Bates of the new film “Foxes and Badgers”, and thanks Mr. E. P. Gee for permission to copy his wonderful film on the wild life of Assam.

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.

“The 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.” 14 minutes, sound. The preservation in Canada of the introduced ring-necked pheasant, and its life-history from egg to death.