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it will be unobtrusively attractive. It will be available by the beginning of September and we look forward to orders (with remittances) from members.

The tie will only be available to members of the Society. Those interested in obtaining one who are not members are invited to consider becoming members of the Society.

### ROYAL SHOW, 1963

The Society has again taken on the same Stand as last year, but at a considerably enhanced rental. The Stand at the last year's Show was such a great success, especially as it brought together under one roof for the first time the wild life conservation Departments of the three territories and the Society, that we feel most strongly that we should again have a Stand this year. Even with the enhanced rental it is anticipated that a good profit will be made for the Society's funds. We hope that as many members as possible will visit the Stand again this year, when the exhibits will, we trust, be of even greater interest.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Photographic Exhibition (fully covered on pages 34 and 35 in this issue) was an unqualified success in all three East African countries. The standard of photographs was remarkably high by any world standards. We look forward to large numbers of visitors to it when it returns to Nairobi for the period June 1st to June 5th and in Mombasa later in the month.

### RESCUE TEAM

The Rescue Team has been employed for the last two months in attempts to save

the only surviving Thomas' kob in Kenya (about 500 in all) from farms in the Lugari area in the Trans-Nzoia. Unfortunately, the farms on which the Kob are to be found were handed over for Resettlement schemes without warning before the Rescue Team could get out on the ground, with the result that the new African settlers have (for obvious reasons) afforded little co-operation towards capture of the kob. Efforts are still proceeding.

### THE CONFLICT BETWEEN RESETTLEMENT SCHEMES AND WILD LIFE

The efforts of the Society to bring this most vital and urgent matter to the attention of Government will have been noted in the Press. The subject is fully covered on page 19, the Editor's Page.

### MWEKA COLLEGE

The College of Wildlife Management at Mweka will be opened next month. The College, under Doctor Hugh Lamprey, has been opened with the object of training Game Wardens and Rangers from all over East Africa, who will eventually replace Europeans in Parks and Game Reserves under Africanisation programmes. The course will be a two-year one and funds for it are being supplied by A.I.D., the American Wild Life Leadership Foundation, the Frankfurt Zoological Society and other bodies.

This Society has been appointed by certain of the bodies as the holding agent for funds for the College.

### WHITE RHINO CONSERVATION

The White Rhino Conservation Scheme, brought into operation by means of funds supplied by the World Wildlife Fund, is

proceeding satisfactorily. The Scheme, which was initiated in June, 1962, has had as its aim the conservation of the small white rhino population in the trans-Nile area of Uganda. At present, approximately 77 white rhino are in existence in the area, to which figure they were reduced (from about 150 some years ago) as the result of depredations of poachers. No further losses from poaching have occurred since the staff appointed under the scheme came into operation.

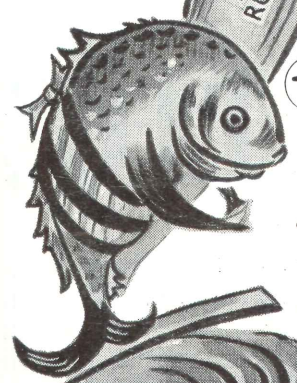
The World Wildlife Fund appointed this Society from the beginning of the Scheme as the agent for the disbursement of its funds and details of management of the Scheme are worked out in consultation between the Society and the Game Warden, Uganda.

### EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. R. A. M. Birkett resigned as Executive Officer with effect from March 31st of this year. Mr. Eric Risley will take up the appointment with effect from July 15th. Mr. Irwin and myself are looking after the day-to-day affairs of the Society during the intervening period.

Mr. Risley has very recently retired from the Kenya Administration, in which he served for many years. His last post was District Commissioner, Kwale. We are all indebted to him for the great personal interest which he showed in the launching of the Shimba Hills Scheme, particularly in the preservation of the sable antelope of that area. His fervid interest in wild life will undoubtedly stand this Society in good stead.

W. G. RAW  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

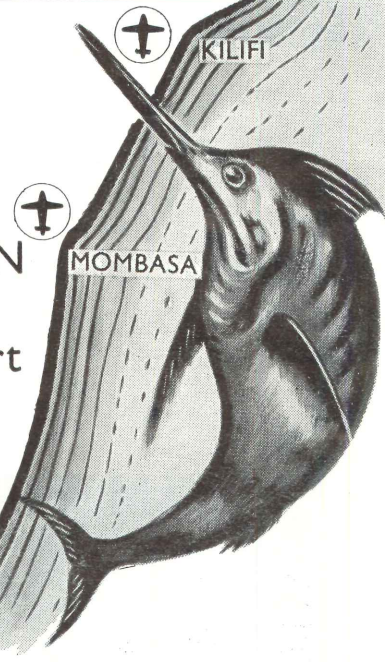


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