THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MAMMALOGISTS

THE seventh annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists was held at the U. S. National Museum in Washington, D. C., from April 7 to 11, 1925, with 78 members in attendance. The 31 papers presented during the morning and afternoon sessions were of an unusual order of excellence and included many of much popular as well as technical interest. Outstanding features were an illustrated evening lecture by President W. H. Osgood, entitled "On Darwin's trail in South America," and the presentation of "Vanishing game trails of Africa," a remarkable film secured by W. P. Harris, Jr. Moving pictures illustrated two of the other papers as well.

The annual dinner on April 9 was well attended, the feature of the menu being roast buffalo, while elk meat figured at the luncheon, two days later, which was tendered the members and their wives by the administration of the National Zoological Park and the Washington contingent.

At the usual directors' and business meeting the following officers were elected: *President,* Wilfred H. Osgood; *vice-presidents,* W. D. Matthew, Glover M. Allen; *recording secretary,* H. H. Lane; *corresponding secretary,* A. Brazier Howell; *treasurer,* Arthur J. Poole; *editor,* Hartley H. T. Jackson.

During the session the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Plans have been made for introducing large numbers of Plains Buffalos annually into the Wood Buffalo Park of northern Alberta, and

WHEREAS, The American Society of Mammalogists, a professional society of international membership, including practically all field naturalists who are interested in mammals, feels that serious results would occur from carrying out the above-mentioned plans, *viz.*:

(A) Interbreeding would take place between the races of the Plains Buffalo and Wood Buffalo so that the distinctive characteristics of the Wood Buffalo would be lost in a few generations and in this way the largest and noblest game animal of North America would pass out of existence as such.

(B) The new arrivals and mixed descendants of the two races of buffalo would be less fitted to carry on the struggle for existence in northern Alberta than is the native race of Wood Buffalo.

(C) Tuberculosis and other diseases would be likely to be transmitted with harmful effects to the northern herd.

(D) Owing to the restricted range of the Wood Buffalos and the limited amount of food available, overcrowding would follow so that the proposed plan would afford only a temporary means of disposing of the surplus of Plains Buffalos: therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Society of Mammalogists express its earnest hope that some other means may be found of disposing of the surplus Plains Buffalos, and, be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of the Interior of Canada and to the organizations interested in wild-life conservation.

The meeting for 1926 will be held during April at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

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THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

THE twenty-third western meeting of the American Mathematical Society was held at the University of Chicago on April 10 and 11, 1925.

The council elected to sustaining membership Amherst College, Harvard University, the Maccabees, the Missouri State Life Insurance Company, the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Prudential Insurance Company and the Travelers' Insurance Company. Eleven persons were elected to ordinary membership and twenty nominees of sustaining members were elected. It was announced that through the efforts of the committee on endowment, the society now has four patron members and twenty-nine sustaining members.

The summer meeting and colloquium will be held at Cornell University from September 8 to 12. Colloquium lectures will be given by Professor L. P. Eisenhart on "The new differential geometry" and Professor Dunham Jackson on "The theory of approximation." The western Christmas meeting of the society will be held in Kansas City in conjunction with the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. One of the features of this meeting will be the third Josiah Willard Gibbs lecture by Professor J. Pierpont, of Yale University, on "Some modern views of space."

On Friday afternoon Professor W. D. MacMillan, of the University of Chicago, delivered a lecture on "Some mathematical aspects of cosmology." The other papers presented at this meeting are listed below. The papers by Messrs. Reilly, Bennett, Caris, Shohat and Wilson and Mr. Ingraham's second paper were read by title. The sessions were presided over by President Birkhoff and Vice-president Hildebrandt.

Cubic curves and desmic surfaces: R. M. MATHEWS.

Another poristic system of triangles: RUFUS CRANE.

A general theory of nets on a surface: V. G. GROVE.

On surfaces and curves which are invariant under involutory Cremona transformations: ARNOLD EMCH.

Mean curvature curves on quadric surfaces: E. E. LIBMAN.