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ANNUAL MEETING

The fourth annual meeting of the California Section of The Wildlife Society was held December 17 and 18 at the Cal Poly Campus in San Luis Obispo. The registered attendance at the meeting numbered 77 with additional members of the California Section of the American Society of Range Management attending the joint session on the 18th.

There were 14 papers given in the day and half of sessions. Space doesn't permit a review of each. Four of the most informative talks were: "Color vision and hunting accidents" by William Graf (he has copies available on request); "Effects of logging on coastal spawning streams" by Ralph McCormack; "Deer browse production following logging in the coastal forest" by William Hines; and "Wildlife problems of the Serengeti National Park, Tanganyika" by Lee H. Talbot. This latter paper would seem to be a bit remote from North American wildlife problems but Lee Talbot not only presented some excellent observations of the effects of grazing by wild ungulates and native domestic livestock but also illustrated his presentation with color slides of a caliber normally attributed to professional photographers.

A panel discussion entitled "Education for wildlife management" was participated in by Leo Shapovalov and Ben Glading of the Department of Fish and Game, A. Starker Leopold of the University of California, and Charles P. Yocum of Humboldt State College. Shapovalov's introductory presentation stressed that the college graduate should not only have a background in the basic academic subjects taught in a wildlife curriculum but should be possessed of common sense, able to express himself both orally and in writing, capable of getting along with others, and have a deep interest in his work. Leopold brought to the attention of the group the apparent lack of opportunity in the wildlife field for a wildlife graduate with a Ph.D.

The business meeting was held in the afternoon of the second day. The results of the election of officers was announced. Ray Dasmann of Humboldt State College was elected president and Charles Fisher, Department of Fish and Game, vice president. The council members consist of Robert Rudd, William Graf, Wallace Macgregor, and the past president, Frank Kozlik. Approval by the members in attendance was given the council for their action last March in reimbursing Harold Bissell of the Department of Fish and Game \$106 for transportation to attend the 21st North American Wildlife Conference in New Orleans. Harold was chairman of the technical session on Nutrition, Disease, and Environmental Controls and attended the

meeting at his own expense. The precedent has now been set and the policy established whereby the California Section of The Wildlife Society will underwrite the transportation costs of one or more members each year to attend the North American Wildlife Conference. To qualify for the reimbursement of transportation costs a member must either present an outstanding paper or be chairman of a technical session. The final approval rests with the president and the council members, although the agenda for the forthcoming March meeting of the 22nd North American Wildlife Conference in Washington, D. C., has already been formulated, any member who qualifies as above and is attending the conference at his own expense is eligible for the reimbursement. Such a request should be forwarded to Ray Dasmann at Humboldt State College.

Credit is due Dave Thompson for the handling of the accommodations and meeting arrangements at Cal Poly. He did an excellent job and is largely responsible for the smooth conduct of the meeting. The program chairman was Ray Dasmann. He was concerned earlier with the apparent lack of papers but the last minute deluge of papers permitted him to put together what many of us considered to be the best annual meeting to date. In the final analysis, however, the success of the meeting was due principally to the many members who attended at their own expense. Their attendance and participation is a credit to the Society and an assurance of the growing success of this and future meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

An effort during the year should be made by each and every member to seek out new members. The professional fraternalism enjoyed by members is justification alone for joining the Wildlife Society and the affiliation of the California Section. The cost of membership is the \$6.00 annual fee for membership in The Wildlife Society. The California Section is sustained by the \$1.00 registration fee collected at the annual meeting.

It may be of interest to other members to know that local meetings are being held currently in Berkeley and Sacramento. Patterned after Dr. Leopold's informal get-togethers in the Bay Area is a monthly meeting of the members in the Sacramento area. This has become a part of the monthly calendar and is an opportunity for members of diversified biological professions to get together for an interchange of ideas and partaking of refreshments. Such a meeting was held February 6th at the Sacramento Junior Museum. Eldridge Hunt gave the results of his waterfowl nesting study at Mountain Meadows and Ade Zajanc presented the coot control program of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ade resolved the problem to the group by supplying a coot feed. Many of us went home determined to put coot on the family table.

This program of monthly meetings should gather support in other areas, especially in view of the need for a means of communication between people not only in wildlife field but others who have common interest. The program for each meeting is readily taken care of by a "round robin" type of chairmanship. Three chairmen are appointed to handle program, meeting place arrangements and refreshments. The meeting place chairman replaces the program chairman for the next meeting and another refreshment

chairman is appointed. Lowell Adams of the California Forest and Range Experimental Station attended the Sacramento meeting and expressed interest in starting such a local group in the Susanville area. How about some of you other members giving a try to such a meeting in your area? You will be surprised at the number of people who will respond to a chance to get a night out. Should you have such a meeting drop a line to this editor and it will be included in the next newsletter.