

TIONS WAS DISCUSSED TOGETHER WITH THE COST TO COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH CONTRACTING OFFICERS COULD REQUIRE PRECISION IN PHOTOGRAPHS FOR GENERAL UTILITY PURPOSES.

EVENING SESSION, JANUARY 18TH. MR. REVERE A. SANDERS GAVE A HIGHLY AMUSING ACCOUNT, ILLUSTRATED WITH SLIDES, OF THE TRIALS OF A PHOTOGRAMMETRIST ON FOREIGN SERVICE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE MANY CONTRASTS IN LIVING CONDITIONS, MOTIVES FOR CONDUCT AND SUDDEN ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES IN CHINA. MR. WALTER A. WOOD OF THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY THEN DESCRIBED HIS RECENT EXPEDITION TO THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STEELE IN YUKON TERRITORY ACCOMPLISHED IN MOST MODERN STYLE WITH THE FULLEST USE OF AN AIRPLANE AND HIGH OBLIQUE AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. HIS TALK WAS ILLUSTRATED WITH MOTION PICTURES AND BEAUTIFULLY COLORED SLIDES. HE NOT ONLY PLEASED THE AUDIENCE WITH A MOST INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF THE EXPEDITION BUT ALSO WON THEIR ADMIRATION FOR THE COOL AND HUMOROUS WAY IN WHICH HE HANDLED MISHAPS WITH THE PROJECTORS WHICH MIGHT WELL HAVE UPSET THE MOST SEASONED LECTURER.

MORNING SESSION, JANUARY 19TH. MR. LEON T. ELIEL PRESENTED AN ABLE PAPER ON THE BOULDER RESERVOIR SURVEY WITH THE STEREOPLANIGRAPH, REPRODUCED IN THIS ISSUE. LT. READING FOLLOWED WITH AN ACCOUNT OF THE FIRST PICTURES OBTAINED WITH THE NINE LENS CAMERA OF THE COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY AND MR. MELVIN KENNEDY WITH A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW REFLECTING PROJECTOR FOR PLANIMETRIC MAPPING OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE PUBLISHED HEREIN.

AFTERNOON SESSION, JANUARY 19TH. THE CLOSING SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO THE REPORTS OF THE RETIRING PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER, REPORTS OF THE CHAIRMEN OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THEIR WORK. THERE WAS ALSO SOME DISCUSSION OF THE NEED FOR STIMULATING THE MANUFACTURE AND USE OF PRECISION CAMERAS AND PHOTOGRAMMETRIC EQUIPMENT IN THIS COUNTRY. THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED THE UNANIMOUS ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PRESENTED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE. LT. O. S. READING, THE PRESIDENT FOR 1937, WAS ESCORTED TO THE PLATFORM BY COL. BIRDSEYE. LT. READING ANNOUNCED THE UNANIMOUS ELECTION OF COL. BLEE, THE RETIRING PRESIDENT, TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICES TO THE SOCIETY. AFTER A FEW REMARKS BY LT. READING, RECOMMENDING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY AS LATER OUTLINED IN HIS CIRCULAR LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 20, 1937, AND COMMENTING ON THE GREAT NEED IN THESE TIMES FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND MAPS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

INAUGURAL REMARKS OF PRESIDENT READING

ON ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE SOCIETY FOR 1937, LT. READING RECOMMENDED THE CONTINUANCE OF THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY SUBSTANTIALLY AS LATER OUTLINED IN HIS LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP DATED FEBRUARY 20, 1937, WHICH, THEREFORE, WILL NOT BE REPEATED HERE. HE THEN CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS WITH THE FOLLOWING:-

"I SUPPOSE EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE MILLIONS OF OWNERS OF LAND IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD EACH GIVE A QUARTER FOR A FIRST-CLASS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH ON A SUITABLE SCALE TO SHOW CLEARLY HIS PROPERTY AND ITS SURROUNDINGS, YET THIS PROPORTION OF THE COST OF PHOTOGRAPHING THE COUNTRY IS MUCH LARGER THAN THE PROPORTION OF THE COST WHICH ONE PAYS WHEN HE BUYS A GOVERNMENT BULLETIN OR MAP FOR A DIME OR SO.

"MOST OF THESE OWNERS OF LAND KNOW THEIR PROPERTY INTIMATELY FROM EVERY ANGLE EXCEPT PERHAPS FROM THE AIR. BUT THEY HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME CONVEYING THIS KNOWLEDGE TO OTHERS WHOSE LACK OF SUCH KNOWLEDGE VITALLY AFFECTS THEIR INTERESTS; TO THOSE CHARGED WITH EQUALIZING THEIR TAXES; TO THOSE CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING THE ROADS OR STREETS SERVING THEM; TO THOSE WHO WOULD ADVISE THEM OF THE BEST USE OF THEIR FIELDS; TO THOSE WHOSE JOB IS TO PLAN EROSION AND FLOOD CONTROL FOR THEIR PROTECTION; TO THOSE WHO MIGHT SUPPLY THEM WITH ELECTRIC POWER OR BETTER TRANSPORTATION.

"WE APPRECIATE TODAY THAT ALL THESE PUBLIC SERVICES ARE NECESSARY AND MUST BE INTELLIGENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISHED IF THE COUNTRY IS TO PROSPER. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOING BACKWARD WITH MERELY GOOD INTENTIONS AND GOING FORWARD WITH GOOD WORKS IS ACCURATE COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF THE FACTS. THERE IS NOTHING COMPARABLE TO AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND THE MAPS MADE FROM THEM FOR SUPPLYING THESE FACTS. SUCH PHOTOGRAPHS AND MAPS PROVIDE A BASE WHEREON PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING CONCERNING THE LAND MAY BE DISPLAYED AND MORE READILY COMPREHENDED IN ITS TRUE RELATION AND SIGNIFICANCE.

"MANY OF THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES APPRECIATE THIS AND ARE RAPIDLY EXPANDING THEIR USE OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND MAPS. AS MORE OF THESE AGENCIES AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THESE ADVANTAGES, THERE WILL ARISE A GREAT DEMAND - THE WHOLE COUNTRY MAY BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

"THE JOB OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PHOTOGRAMMETRY IS TO GET ITS MEMBERSHIP READY TO SUPPLY THIS DEMAND IN THE MOST UP-TO-DATE, SCIENTIFIC AND EFFICIENT WAY POSSIBLE. WHEN WE MEET HERE AGAIN NEXT YEAR, MAY WE ALL BE CONSIDERABLY FARTHER ALONG THIS ROAD."