



Fig. 42. Chester Barlow; 1899.



Fig. 43. Fred A. Schneider.

in Monterey County, California. After 1906, Mr. Silliman made his living by operating warehouses, but always his chief interest was in the birds of California and especially of Monterey County. He spent great effort in compiling exhaustive records of the occurrence of every species known to occur in the county. His interest in the history of bird study in this area led him to assemble a remarkably complete library of bird books. This library finally came close to including every published mention of birds in California. Aside from becoming a life member of the Cooper Club, in 1937, Silliman aided bird study in the west by contributing to funds for Club publications and by employing collectors to carry on organized field exploration in Monterey County.—J.M.L.

Just as we close this editorial page, the distressing word reaches us of the death of James Moffitt who was serving as a lieutenant with the U. S. Navy in the Aleutian area.

#### MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

##### NORTHERN DIVISION

**APRIL.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, April 22, 1943, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503, Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with President Robert C. Miller in the chair and about 25 members and guests present. Because of the length of the program to follow, minutes of the Northern Division for March and of the Southern Division for February and

March were read by title only. There was one proposal for membership: Miss Lola Catherine Marraccini, International House, Berkeley, California, by Alden H. Miller.

Mrs. Allen had seen Rough-winged Swallows at the south end of the Stadium, April 6 and 13, and during the following week, but thought it probable that they would not remain for nesting. She gave a number of last dates for winter visitants, including: Ruby-crowned Kinglet, March 30; Western Winter Wren, March 11-12; Townsend Warbler up to March 30 (although migrants will be likely to pass through later); Cooper Hawk, April 1; Hermit Thrush, April 13; Puget Sound White-crowned Sparrows, April 11, 13, 14; Audubon Warbler, March 23 and again April 12; and the local Fox Sparrow, April 9 (migrants likely to pass through later). Mr. Covel reported Avocets, American Egrets and two Snowy Egrets at Moss Landing, April 16.

Mr. Clarence F. Smith, Junior Biologist with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, spoke on "Birds of the Mount Shasta Region." There has been interest in studying the relationship of seed-eating animals of the brushlands of this area to new growth of timber in chaparral areas. After forest fires, the subclimax vegetation of brush may persist for thousands of years, unless reforestation, to which the land is well suited, is carried out. Mr. Smith presented an annotated list of the many birds he has observed in the region and illustrated the ecological conditions with Kodachrome slides.

An especially fortunate circumstance was the

presence of two guests well known to many members personally and by name to all who have enjoyed nature photography, William and Irene Finley. Some of their most recent Kodachrome slides, showing birds and flowers of Arizona, made a fitting climax to a full evening of enjoyment.

Adjourned.—FRANCES CARTER, *Recording Secretary*.

MAY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, May 27, 1943, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with President Robert C. Miller in the chair and more than 100 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for April were read and approved. There was one proposal for membership: (Mr.) Kai R. Martensen, 2131 Spaulding Street, Berkeley, California, by Frances Carter.

Mrs. Allen said that the Rough-winged Swallows which she had reported at the south end of the Stadium during mid-April were still present, apparently nesting, although she had not located the exact site. As late as May 18, she had seen a Fox Sparrow at Codornices Creek in Berkeley. Miss Crowe described a flight of Turkey Vultures in San Francisco, on Post Street west of Fell Street, May 1.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Charles A. Harwell, California Representative of the National Association of Audubon Societies; his subject, "Birds of the California Deserts." As a special feature, Mr. Harwell described, with the aid of musical notation, the songs of five species of thrashers: Bendire, Crissal, Leconte, Sage and California.

Adjourned.—FRANCES CARTER, *Recording Secretary*.

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION

APRIL.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, April 27, 1943, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, Los Angeles, California, with Dr. I. D. Nokes presiding and 62 members and guests present. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. Application for membership of the following were read: Dr. C. H. Luther, East Center St., Fayetteville, Arkansas, proposed by W. Lee Chambers; Henry G. Weston, Jr., 476 C St., Coronado, California, proposed by Ken W. Stott, Jr.; and H. Paul Keiser, Big Dalton Dam, Glendora, California, proposed by S. D. Platford.

Reports of field observations centered principally on the Burrowing Owl. Dr. I. D. Nokes reported a pair nesting in a drain pipe at his residence, while Miss Frances Cramer reported one roosting in a similar pipe at her home, both in Los Angeles.

The club enjoyed an illustrated talk by Charles A. Harwell on the subject, "Birds of the Desert."

Adjourned.—WALTER W. BENNETT, *Secretary*.

MAY.—The annual All Day Field Meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held Sunday, May 9, 1943, at Tapia Park in the Malibu Mountains 35 miles northwest of Los Angeles, with 65 members and guests present.

At the afternoon business session, minutes of the April meeting were approved and application for membership of George Marion Riddick, 600 Weatherly Building, Portland, Oregon, proposed by Stanley G. Jewett, was read.

Mr. George Willett reported the passing of Mrs. A. J. van Rossem during the preceding week and the secretary was instructed to send condolences to her husband.

Mr. W. Lee Chambers described a recent incident in which an Ash-throated Flycatcher entered the nest of a Western Bluebird while it was occupied by the female; the intruder was chased down a long canyon with unusual ferocity. Mr. George Willett noted casualties among White Pelicans due to salt water. The superintendent of a salt company at Saltdale, in the Mohave Desert, recently saw condensed salt water at his plant blow over the birds and quickly dry so that they could not fly; all died. Howard Robertson reported seeing a Condor flying over the city of Los Angeles in the third week of last March. W. Lee Chambers reported four seen in Tapia Park in early April.

Mr. W. Lee Chambers offered the following resolution signed by H. W. Carriger, J. R. Pemberton, Alden H. Miller, George Willett and himself:

Whereas, Howard Robertson, President of the Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Club, has, since 1896, been an active member of the organization and had a large part in the establishment of its Southern Division, and

Whereas, he has served in maintaining the beneficial connection of the Club with the Los Angeles Museum of History, Science, and Art, and

Whereas, he has conducted the legal business of our organization, carrying to completion in 1934 its incorporation,

Therefore, we, the undersigned, propose that Howard Robertson be elected an honorary member of the Club.

In accordance with the By-laws the foregoing was laid over for one month.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary express appreciation of the Club to Spence Turner, Los Angeles County Forester and Fire Warden, and to L. P. Sheldon for use of Tapia Park for the meeting.

Adjourned.—WALTER W. BENNETT, *Secretary*.