

## COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club held at the Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, California, was unusually well attended. There were 125 members and guests present. Registration began at 9:00 a.m. in Class Hall on April 14, 1950, and at 9:45 the conference was opened with an address of welcome by Junea W. Kelly, President of the Northern Division, and a response from Kenneth E. Stager, President of the Southern Division.

Following a short business meeting, the program of scientific papers began. The complete list of papers for the morning and afternoon sessions of Friday follows:

The Analysis and Interpretation of Avian Hybrids, Charles G. Sibley; Twenty-four Life Areas of Southeastern Arizona, Herbert Brandt; Food Habits Analysis of a Small Group of Shorebirds, William G. Reeder; Shorebird Census on Bay Farm Island, Junea W. Kelly; An Ancient and Probably Ancestral Wader from Patagonia, Hildegard Howard; The Traditional Recognition of Predators by Game Birds, A. O. Ramsay and John E. Cushing; Status of the Valley Quail in Central California, Ian I. McMillan; Jays and Deer on the Hastings Reservation, P. Quentin Tomich and Jean M. Linsdale; Relations between Birds and Deer, Thane Riney; The History of the Brown and Abert Towhees, John Davis; Preliminary Report on Population Studies of the Brown Towhee, Henry E. Childs, Jr.

Papers presented on Saturday were as follows: The Effect of Humidity on the Metabolic Rate of the House Finch, William Salt; Some Preliminary Observations on Respiratory Water Loss in Birds, William R. Dawson; Some Experiments on the Hormonal Control of the Incubation Patch, Robert E. Bailey; The Reactions of the Poor-will to Temperature and Light, Joseph Brauner; An Analysis of a Rare Duck Hybrid, Henry E. Childs, Jr.; A Recurring Aberrant Color Pattern in the Heermann Gull, George A. Bartholomew, Jr.; Ecological Distribution of Plain and Bridled Titmice in Arizona, Keith L. Dixon; Further Observations on the Flightless Auk, Mancalla, Loye Miller and Hildegard Howard; Food Relations in the Hawaiian Honey Creepers, Paul H. Baldwin; Observations on the Lawrence Goldfinch, Jean M. Linsdale; Airborne Food of Birds, Roland Case Ross (by title only); Interbreeding of the Red-breasted and Red-naped Sapsuckers, Thomas R

Howell; Notes on Taxonomic Principles and "Differentiation Centers" in the Southwest, Allan R. Phillips; New Data on Distributional Patterns in the Santa Barbara Islands, Alden H. Miller; Further Observations on the Crows of Rancho la Brea, William R. Dawson.

At the afternoon session, members took cognizance of the loss of Dr. Louis B. Bishop, Honorary Member and eminent senior ornithologist of the Club. A resolution of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Bishop.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Kelly, as master of ceremonies, called attention to some of the Cooper Club's publications on the lighter side, such as *The Buzzard*, some of the "illustrated" menus of past Cooper Club banquets, and the history of the Cooper Club written by Harry Swarth. She also introduced the group to "The Indoor Bird Watchers Manual," reading a number of "field identifications" from this delightful satire. Lois Chambers Taylor presented excellent Kodachrome slides of many of the choicest of the Grayson paintings and gave an interesting discussion of Andrew Jackson Grayson himself. This was followed by motion pictures in color taken by Ed N. Harrison and Frances F. Roberts at George Island, Gulf of California, showing exceptionally fine views of many of the nesting sea birds there.

Two field trips were made on Sunday, April 16: a boat trip off shore from Monterey, to see birds of the open ocean, and a land trip along the coast to observe sea otters (in the morning) and to visit the site of the proposed State Park at the mouth of the Carmel River (in the afternoon). The Pacific Grove Museum and the Hastings Reservation also kept open house for Cooper Club visitors.

## BUSINESS MEETING

The first session of the annual business meeting of the members of the Cooper Ornithological Club was called to order by President Alden H. Miller in Class Hall, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California, at 10 a.m., April 14, 1950.

The minutes of the meeting of 1949 were read and approved. Dr. Miller appointed the following committees: to examine the proxies, Kenneth E. Stager, Keith Dixon, and Thomas Howell; to nominate members of the Board of Directors, Stanley Jewett, Charles Sibley, and Lois Taylor.

The following applications for membership were read by the Secretary: Henry William Bushwitz, 2218 S. Baker St., Santa Ana, Merlin L. Killpack, Roosevelt, Utah, and Dr. Fred A. Glover, Wildlife Management, Humboldt State

College, Arcata, California, by Mary M. Erickson; S. J. Darcus, Box 2206, R. R. 1, Penticton, B. C., by John B. Hurley; Lynn Foree, M.D., 379 30th St., Oakland 9, and Mrs. Eve Foree, 266 Lenox Ave., Oakland 10, by Louise Kellogg; Leslie N. Goodding, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and Olof Charles Wallmo, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., by John T. Wright; Clyde P. Matteson, 1121 North 16th St., Grand Junction, Colo., by C. V. Duff.

The second session was called to order by Dr. Miller at 9:15 a.m. April 15, 1950. Mr. Stager, chairman of the proxy committee, reported that of a total of 1227 members in good standing, 656 were represented by proxies and 100 were present in person. A motion from the floor was proposed, seconded and carried that a quorum be declared present.

The Secretary read a resolution approved by the Board of Directors amending Section 4 of Article VI of the By-laws with respect to the number which should constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business. The change provided for the substitution of "twenty-five per cent of the total existing membership" for "a majority of the existing membership" as a requirement for a quorum. Mr. Duff moved that this resolution be adopted and the motion was seconded. Following a brief discussion, the motion was carried, the secretary being instructed to indicate one negative vote contained in a proxy received.

Mr. Duff, Assistant Business Manager, presented a brief report of the financial condition of the Club and invited any member who wished more detailed information to review the auditing committee's report and other records at his leisure.

Mr. Sibley, reporting for the nominating committee, presented the following names for nomination to the Board of Directors: C. V. Duff, W. I. Follett, Ed N. Harrison, Hildegard Howard, Jean M. Linsdale, Alden H. Miller, J. R. Pember-ton, Sidney B. Peyton, W. J. Sheffler. It was moved, seconded and carried that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for those named.

Two additional names were read as applicants for membership: Fred T. Hall, Davenport Public Museum, 704 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa, and Merrill C. Hammond, Lower Souris Refuge, Upham, North Dakota, both by C. V. Duff.—HILDEGARDE HOWARD, *Secretary*.

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological

Club was held January 31, 1950, at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, with 160 members and guests present. The following names were proposed for membership: Christine Biefeldt, 924 W. 55th St., Los Angeles 37, Calif., by D. E. Groner; Thomas C. Breer, 15600 Windmill Pt. Dr., Grosse Point 30, Mich., by K. E. Stager; Tom Cade, Box 626, College, Alaska, by J. McB. Robertson; Herbert Hall Caswell, Jr., 10801 Strathmore Dr., Los Angeles 24, Calif., by W. R. Dawson; Ben Chaffey, Box 1877, Stanford, Calif., by A. H. Miller; William Henry Cleary, 233 N. Rexford Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif., by S. Paul Lindau; Ned Keith Johnson, 624 Lake St., Reno, Nev., by Benjamin H. Banta; Wm. Wallace Mein, Jr., 315 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Calif., and William Wallace Mein, III, 315 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Calif., by Wilson C. Hanna; Robert Treat Paine, III, 2 Hubbard Park, Cambridge 38, Mass., by James L. Peters; Jack Quaglino, 14330 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades, Calif., by W. J. Sheffler; Marvin Schwilling, 1002 Peterson, Fort Collins, Colo., by R. G. Beidleman; Robert James Smith, 1971 47th Ave., San Francisco 16, Calif., by F. A. Pitelka; Howard Robert Attebery, 1162 Barcelona Dr., San Diego 7, Calif., Frank C. Cross, 9413 2nd Ave., Silver Spring, Md., Edward Hick, 1126 So. 18th St., St. Louis 4, Mo., and Dale T. Wood, 124 So. "N" St., Lompoc, Calif., by Sidney B. Peyton; Lucia Relf Durand, 640 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, Calif., Wallace Grange, Sandhill Game Farm, Inc., Babcock, Wis., Hugh Hanson, Arizona State College, Tempe, Ariz., Jay N. Holliday, 13920 Gilmore St., Can Nuys, Calif., Elizabeth Howe, 1843 N. Cherokee, Hollywood 28, Calif., Jack Lynch, 926 Halladay, Santa Ana, Calif., Margueritte D. Parker, 821 N. Garfield, Alhambra, Calif., Leo Pinkas, 936½ Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach, Calif., Mary Ellen Warters, 5115 Woodland Ave., Des Moines 12, Iowa, Dudley F. Wallace, 700 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich., and Ralph B. Williams, Box 2354, Juneau, Alaska, all by C. V. Duff.

C. V. Duff reporting for the Nominating Committee, re-nominated the incumbent officers. The following officers were duly re-elected: Kenneth E. Stager, president; Wilson C. Hanna, first vice-president; W. J. Sheffler, second vice-president; and Dorothy E. Groner, secretary.

"Savage Splendor," a motion picture of birds and animals of Africa, was shown through the courtesy of Bill Lasky and R.K.O. Studios.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.