

## NOTES AND NEWS

We report with deep regret the death on November 2, 1953, of Walter K. Fisher, Honorary Member of the Cooper Ornithological Society and editor of the Condor from 1903 to 1905. His pioneer efforts in the early formation of the Cooper Club and of its journal were critical factors in the long sustained success of these undertakings.

Carl B. Koford's monograph on the California Condor has been selected by the Wildlife Society as the best publication of the year in the field of game and wildlife research.

## COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on November 24, 1953, at the Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles. The following were proposed for membership: James Cowan Greenway, Jr., Box 26, Wellesley, Mass., by Letti H. Low; Mrs. Frank Christensen, 8037 Alvern St., Apt. C, Los Angeles 45, Calif., by Junea W. Kelly; S. Dillon Ripley, Peabody Museum, New Haven 11, Conn., by W. J. Sheffler; John Earl Taft, 160 Eugenia Dr., Ventura, Calif., by T. R. Howell; John George Williams, M.B. O.U., Coryndon Museum, P. O. Box 658, Nairobi, Kenya Colony, East Africa, by E. N. Harrison; Miss May Fluhmann, 180 Clarence St., Apt. 6, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Richard M. Freeman, Cortner Hall, University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif., Carolyn T. Murphy, 251 S. Norton Ave., Los Angeles 4, Calif., Cedric Thomas, 12196 Laurel Terrace Dr., No. Hollywood, Calif., Kunio Tsuneyoshi, 516 No. Virgil Ave., Los Angeles 4, Calif., and Robert William Wise, 5127 Briggs Ave., La Crescenta, Calif., all by J. C. von Bloeker, Jr.; John C. W. Bliese, Biology Dept., Nebraska State Teachers College, Kearney, Neb., Terrell Hunter Hamilton, Box 4174, College Station, Tex., Dr. William L. Lloyd, 3981 Menlo Ave., Los Angeles 37, Calif., Bruce Stark Lowney, 313 S. Beachwood Dr., Burbank, Calif., William Joseph Maher, 1831 E. 15th St., Brooklyn 29, N. Y., Douglas Scott Miller, 122 Lawrence Ave., East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Dr. Mil-

dred Miskimen, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, Robert David Ness, 17 Five Points Rd., Rush, N. Y., Marguerite M. Peugh, Apartado 16, Montemorelos, N. L., Mexico, Alfred E. Smalley, 608 N. Main St., Barbourville, Ky., Henry C. West, 5820 Crittendon Ave., Indianapolis 29, Ind., Miss Mary Elizabeth Whelan, 215 Catherine, Muskegon, Mich., and Hans E. Wolters, 28 Nikolaus-Becker-Str. (22-C), Geilenkirchen, bei Aachen Nordrhein-Westfalen, West Germany, all by C. V. Duff.

An invitation to participate in the coming meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Pullman, Washington, was read and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, Dr. Thomas R. Howell was appointed chairman in charge of representation of the southern division.

J. R. Pemberton and Ed N. Harrison reported some of their experiences on their recent photographic trip to Kenya, East Africa.

Tom J. Cade of the University of California at Los Angeles spoke on "Birds of St. Lawrence Island, Bering Sea, Alaska."—R. L. TAYLOR, *Acting Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on January 26, 1954, at the Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles. The following were proposed for membership: Mrs. Barbara Joan Arsenault, 708-C Pine, Santa Monica, Calif., by T. R. Howell; Mrs. Myrtle V. Dix, 509 Esgar Ave., Modesto, Calif., by Francis H. Boynton; Richard R. Graber, W.W.C. 552, Norman, Oklahoma, by A. H. Miller; Don R. Medina, 364 Roswell Ave., Long Beach, Calif., by M. Dale Arvey; Karl Plath, 110 S. Wesley Ave., Oak Park, Ill., by W. J. Sheffler; George Good Jones, 2930 East 3rd St., Tucson, Arizona, by Allan R. Phillips; Mrs. Kathleen G. Poulson, 1015 West Clinton, Fresno, Calif., by John G. Tyler; Walter Joseph Back, 7630 - 85 Dr., Woodhaven 21, N.Y., and Lester L. Short, Jr., 179 John Street, Iliion, N. Y., by C. G. Sibley; Mrs. Shirley J. Adams, P. O. Box 557, Hawthorne, Calif., Daniel D. Berger, 5026 N. Elkhart Ave., Milwaukee 11, Wis., Raymond A. Campbell, 686 4th Ave., Chula Vista, Calif., Mrs. Agnes Hawkins, Route 4,

Box 752, Phoenix, Ariz., Philip Kahl, 122 East 47th St., Indianapolis, Ind., Mary Orr, P. O. Box 183, Reserve, N. M., and Howard F. Young, Biology Dept., Western Illinois State College, Macomb, Ill., all by Jack von Bloeker, Jr.; Ronald L. Church, 122 Eleventh St., Pacific Grove, Calif., Miss Mary Ferguson Coble, 1357 No. Stanley Dr., Hollywood 46, Calif., John Hugh Dignam, 4 Kensington Ave., Willowdale, Ont., Norman F. Gaelick, 924 18th Ave., S.E., Calgary, Alberta, Tom V. Goodman, 732 South Mansfield Ave., Los Angeles 36, Calif., Albert Blaine Kloppenborg, 901 East 7th Street North, Newton, Iowa, Kenneth Krumm, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Martin, So. Dak., Frederick P. Mangels, 708 Farmers Ave., Bellmore, L. I., N.Y., Charles William McRae, Rural Route 2, Austell, Ga., Burt L. Monroe, Jr., Ens., U.S.S. Badoeng Strait, % F.P.O., San Francisco, Calif., Mary H. Myers, Box 690, Mecca, Calif., Joseph Austin Nielsen, 253 Warren St., Brooklyn 2, N.Y., John M. Satter, 4500 Millersville Road, Indianapolis 5, Ind., Wilson C. Schramm, 321 Lensington Rd., Syracuse 10, N.Y., Robert D. Schweitzer, 1 Blackstone Pl., Riverdale 71, N.Y.C., N.Y., Winslow Morse Shaughnessy, 657 Forest Ave., Glen Ellyn, Ill., Anne W. Wachenfeld, 787 East Clarke Pl., Orange, N.J., Eugene J. Wilhelm, Jr., 4725 Lee Ave., St. Louis 15, Mo., Alice L. Williams, 542 Anderson Rd., Davis, Calif., and Harold B. Yeaton, 12908 Riverside Dr., Van Nuys, Calif., all by C. V. Duff.

Report of the Nominating Committee consisting of C. V. Duff, W. J. Sheffler and J. R. Pemberton, was given by C. V. Duff. The committee suggested the names of Jean Delacour for president; Thomas R. Howell for first vice-president; Vernon Barrett for second vice-president; and Dorothy E. Groner for secretary. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Jack C. von Bloeker, and duly seconded, that the nominations be closed and that the secretary be instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for the slate as proposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kenneth L. Stager, seconded and duly carried that the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society go on record as urging that the Check-list Committee of the American Ornithologists' Union give due consideration to the elimination of common or vernacular names for subspecies in their forthcoming Check-list, as it is felt that common names for subspecies serve no real purpose and only cause confusion.

Bayard H. Brattstrom of the University of California at Los Angeles presented an illustrated account of "The Birds of the Revillagigedo Islands, Mexico," in which he described the gradual return of flora and fauna to an oceanic island recently devastated by an erupting volcano.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

#### NORTHERN DIVISION

DECEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on December 3, 1953, at the University of California, Berkeley.

President Orr appointed a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of nominations for Northern Division officers to be presented at the January meeting. Members of the committee are: Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, chairman, Mr. Eric C. Kinsey, and Mr. Robert K. Selander.

Mr. Howard Cogswell reviewed Hahn's new textbook "The Biology of Birds" and President Orr called attention to N. Tinbergen's new book "The Herring Gull's World."

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Bert Harwell, showed his color motion picture, "Exploring for Sandhill Cranes."—ROBERT K. SELANDER, *Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on January 7, 1954, at the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. A. Starker Leopold, reporting as Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, urged members of the Society to write to their congressmen and to the President of the United States opposing the construction of a dam in the Dinosaur National Monument.

Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following nominations for officers of the Northern Division: Dr. T. Eric Reynolds, President; Mr. Donald D. McLean, First Vice-president; Dr. A. Laurence Curl, Second Vice-president; and Mr. Robert K. Selander, Secretary. On motion by A. Starker Leopold, a unanimous vote was cast for this slate of officers.

The following field observations were reported: Mrs. Junea W. Kelly observed a pair of bush-tits inspecting a potential nesting site on December 2; on December 11 the framework of the nest was well started.

The speaker of the evening, Robert K. Selander, reported on the "Distribution of Wrens and Jays in Chiapas, Mexico."—ROBERT K. SELANDER, *Secretary*.