

NOTES AND NEWS

The attractive and informative color plate of sunbirds accompanying Mr. Williams' article in the September Condor was financed by Maurice A. Machris. Editors and members alike are most appreciative of Mr. Machris' contribution.

We are happy to record with thanks the service performed for the Society this year by Mrs. Sylvia L. Thomssen in the compilation of the Annual Index.

Dates set for the Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society in Seattle in 1956 are June 22 to June 24, Friday to Sunday.

We report with regret the death of Stanley G. Jewett of Portland, Oregon, on October 5, 1955. Mr. Jewett was a member of the Cooper Society since 1909 and was elected an honorary member in 1949.

Cost of printing in this issue of *The Condor* of the major article by Tom Cade on Rough-legged Hawks has been contributed in part by Vernon Barrett. The Society is indebted to Mr. Barrett for this substantial aid.

Several recent books of distinct worth and interest have been received by the editor. Pressure of other work has given no opportunity to prepare formal reviews. Among these are: (1) A. W. Schorger's "The Passenger Pigeon, Its Natural History and Extinction" (University of Wisconsin Press); a scholarly and fascinating account constructed from a wealth of historical sources. (2) George H. Lowery's "Louisiana Birds" (Louisiana State University Press); a very well planned and executed state bird book designed to introduce ornithology to non-technical readers. (3) Devereaux Butcher's "Seeing America's Wildlife in Our National Refuges" (The Devin-Adair Company); an excellently illustrated review of some of the features and values of the national refuge system of the United States.—A.H.M.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The first session of the annual business meeting of the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society, a corporation, was called to order by Presi-

dent J. R. Pemberton in Scripps Patio, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California, at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 21, 1955. The minutes of the meeting of 1954 were read and approved. The following committees were appointed: Committee to Examine Proxies: Sidney B. Peyton, Henry A. Wylde, and Junea W. Kelly; Committee on Nominations: Junea W. Kelly, Donald D. McLean, and Dorothy E. Groner.

The following proposals for membership were read: Jon B. Ghiselin, 728 Elizabeth Street, Salt Lake City 2, Utah, by William H. Behle; Ruth B. Robertson, 567 Vistamont Avenue, Berkeley 8, Calif., by Junea W. Kelly; Walton A. Smith, 964 Via Verde, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Calif., by Mrs. Thomas R. Howell and Wallace G. MacGregor, Jr.; Robert F. Seibert, 17 Canoe Brook Road, Short Hills, N.J., Gerald L. Brody, University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich., Walter C. Disler, R.D. 1, La Grange, Ohio, William H. Drury, Jr., Biological Laboratories, 16 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge 38, Mass., Donald B. Martin, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston 14, Mass., Grace H. Phillips, 1237½ S. Bronson Avenue, Los Angeles 19, Calif., and G. William Richter, P. O. Box 365, Canfield, Ohio, by C. V. Duff.

The meeting was then adjourned until April 22.

The second session of the annual business meeting was called to order by President J. R. Pemberton at the same place at 10:15 a.m., Friday, April 22, 1955. Sidney B. Peyton, reporting for the Committee to Examine Proxies, reported 841 members present or represented by proxy, of a total membership of 1341. A quorum was declared present. Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, reporting for the Committee on Nominations, presented the following names for nomination to the Board of Directors: John Davis, C. V. Duff, Ed N. Harrison, Thomas R. Howell, Alden H. Miller, J. R. Pemberton, Frank A. Pitelka, William J. Sheffler, and Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr. Mr. Pemberton called for further nominations from the floor. There was none. Loye Miller moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the election of the entire slate of the nominated directors. The motion was seconded by Sidney B. Peyton and unanimously passed.

The Secretary then read the following proposed amendments to the By-Laws: That Article

I, Section 7, be deleted in its entirety, and that Article I, Section 6, be amended to read as follows: "Section 6. Honorary Members. Honorary Membership may be conferred, by majority vote of the members of the Board of Governors present at any meeting, on members of the Society who have rendered outstanding service to ornithology, particularly in western North America, and/or to the Society. Honorary members shall be exempt from all dues and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of active members. The Board of Governors shall annually appoint a committee of three members to search out and select candidates for election to honorary membership and to submit their names to the Board of Governors for the Board's consideration. The Board of Governors shall not be limited, however, in its power to elect honorary members, to candidates submitted by such committee.

That Article III be amended by deleting the first sentence of the second paragraph thereof and by substituting therefor the following: The Board of Governors shall hold meetings at such times and places as it may by resolution determine.

That Article VI be amended by adding a new Section 6, to read as follows: Section 6. Meetings of members shall be held at such places as the Board of Directors shall by resolution determine.

Adoption of these amendments was moved and seconded, and the motion was unanimously passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

The third session of the annual meeting of the members of the corporation was called to order by President J. R. Pemberton at the same place, at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 22, 1955. Mr. C. V. Duff, Business Manager, presented a report on the financial condition of the Society. Investment of funds under the supervision of the Investment Committee continues to add significantly to the Society's resources.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.—JOHN DAVIS, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

MAY.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on May 31, 1955, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: James T. Bialac, Arizona Ambassador, Phoenix, Ariz., by Mrs. John Q. Burch; Mrs. Richard A. Evans, Klamath Trout Hatchery, Klamath Agency, Ore., and Richard C. Funk,

4731 N. 36th Ave., Omaha 11, Neb., by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.; Cecil Carl Kersting, 1365 Lakeshore Dr., Muskegon, Mich., Lester K. Kirk, 19520 Bretton Dr., Detroit 23, Mich., Dr. William B. Robertson, Jr., Illinois Natural History Survey, Urbana, Ill., Emmett L. Shellenberger, Akron Museum of Natural History, 500 Edgewood Ave., Akron 7, Ohio, Robert Taylor Calef, 734 East University, Ann Arbor, Mich.; William Q. Wick, Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, Wash., and Richard Laurence Zusi, 928 S. Forest, Ann Arbor, Mich., all by C. V. Duff. A. Brazier Howell was elected to honorary membership by vote of the Division.

Arnold Small reported having seen: On April 30, 1 Parasitic Jaeger and 1 Pomarine Jaeger at Corona del Mar, and a Blue-winged Teal at Newport Bay; 150 evening grosbeaks at Big Bear Lake; on May 14 at Yuma, 1 Least Grebe.

"Outdoor Hazards, Real and Fancied," was the subject of the speaker, Mrs. Mary V. Hood. Her talk was illustrated by Kodachrome slides taken by Mr. A. W. Hood.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

SEPTEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on September 27, 1955, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Janice Foy Taylor, 408 Panoramic Way, Berkeley 4, Calif., by Marjorie Moody; Mrs. Polly Thomas, 32 Stoddard Way, Berkeley 8, Calif., by Mrs. Junea Kelly; Alfred Wallner, M.D., 729 2nd Ave. E., Kalispell, Montana, by Thomas R. Howell; Prof. Gene H. Linford, Dept. of Zoology, Utah State Agricultural College, Logan, Utah, and Robert Craig Wood, 1007 Los Trancos Rd., Menlo Park, Calif., by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.; Loring Gregg Dales, 1555 Club View Dr., Los Angeles 24, Calif., Mrs. Doris Gates, Nebraska State Teachers College, Chadron, Neb., Paul Austin Johnsgard, Dept. Zoology, Washington State College, Pullman, Wash., Emerson Kemsies, Curator of Ornithology, Dept. Zoology, Biology Bldg., Univ. of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, Milton Cyril Moore, 902 Highland Rd., Canton, Ohio, James R. Stewart, Jr., 844 Natchez St., Shreveport, La., and Joseph A. Van Loo, Jr., 3804 S.E. 13th Ave., Portland, Ore., by C. V. Duff.

Gerald Collier of the Department of Zoology at the University of California at Los Angeles spoke on the "Behavior of the Bronze-winged Jacana, with notes on other Indian birds."—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.