

NOTES AND NEWS

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on March 1, 1956, at the University of California, Berkeley. New members proposed were Richard C. Banks, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, California, and Stanford C. Tice, 78 Manhattan Avenue, New York 25, N. Y., both by Frank Pitelka.

President McLean stated that a meeting has been called of interested persons and organizations to help clarify the Fish and Game Code with regard to non-game birds, unprotected species, and the issuance of scientific permits.

Junea Kelly noted the receipt of the published proceedings of the 11th International Congress in Switzerland in 1954 and reviewed certain of the papers, particularly those on the development of Ornithology in the USSR in the post-war period. Donald McLean told of reports of banded waterfowl taken in interior Russia; there were nine birds from California, including White-fronted Geese and Pintail Ducks. Mrs. Kelly reported that on February 15, 1956, a dead Williamson Sapsucker was found at the Botanical Garden in Berkeley. Mr. McLean reported 40 Piñon Jays in San Jose, California. Howard Cogswell reported on the Robin census project. On January 8, 1956, nine parties of observers in a radius of one mile from the roosting site in Oakland and each stationed $\frac{1}{4}$ mile apart sighted just under 36,000 Robins.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Victor Lewin of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, discussed "Some Seasonal Variables in a Population of the California Quail."—LILLIAN K. HENNINGSEN, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on February 28, 1956, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Melvin A. Hedine, 1411 W. 69th St., Los Angeles 47, Calif., by Roland C. Ross; Mrs. James A. Kryder, 108 W. Base Line Road, Claremont, Calif., by Junea W. Kelly;

Frank Demaree Robertson, 133 S. 12th St., San Jose, Calif., and Jack C. von Bloeker III, 161 W. 12th St., Los Angeles 61, Calif., by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.; Mrs. Frank Reinelt, 344 Arroyo Seco, Santa Cruz, Calif., John H. Brandt, Gen. Del., Durango, Colo., Eugene Kridler, Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, Willows, Calif., L. D. La Fave, E. 1311 Longfellow, Spokane, Wash., and George D. Lakata, 1025 Cedar St., Wasco, Calif., by Francis H. Boynton; Hubert Andrew Arnold, 533 E St., Davis, Calif., Thomas D. Burleigh, College of Forestry, Univ. of Idaho, Moscow, Ida., John B. Crowell, Jr., 201-A Holden Green, Cambridge 38, Mass., and Mrs. Joseph E. P. Dunn, 1119 S. Highland Ave., Los Angeles 19, Calif., by C. V. Duff.

Dudley Ross reported two Emperor Geese at Santa Cruz on February 12.

Ed N. Harrison showed his colored motion picture, "African Safari."—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

MARCH.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on March 27, 1956, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Donald S. Melstrom, 5413 Calle de Arboles, Torrance, Calif., by Kenneth E. Stager; Patricia F. Smith, 2215 Rose St., Berkeley, Calif., by John Davis; Dick Bird, 2721 Assiniboine Ave., Regina, Sask., Ethel B. Craig, Victoria Ave., Los Angeles 8, Calif., and Lyman K. Stuart, 501 W. Maple Ave., Newark, New York, by C. V. Duff.

John Baumgardt and Tom Cade discussed the absence of Prairie Falcons between Lancaster, Red Rock, and the Tehachapi Mountains, an area which is being rapidly settled, and their presence in more sparsely populated desert mountain regions. Allan Phillips of Tucson said that in Arizona he has noted that a number of Prairie Falcon nesting sites have been taken over by Duck Hawks. On March 3, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ross saw a male Vermilion Flycatcher and one immature Harris Sparrow at Furnace Creek, Death Valley.

C. V. Duff led a round-table discussion on the subject of placing all hawks and owls on the protected list in California.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.