

NOTES AND NEWS

The annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society will be held in Los Angeles in 1960. Scientific sessions on April 29 and 30 will be at the Los Angeles County Museum and the University of California, Los Angeles, respectively. Aviary and art exhibits and a reception are scheduled for April 28 and a field trip on May 1.

Part II of Skutch's *Life Histories of Central American Birds*, illustrated by Don R. Eckelberry, is now in late proof stages. This book, published as Pacific Coast Avifauna No. 34, will be available in about two months and Cooper Society members will soon have opportunity to place their orders for it.

Speakers and their subjects at recent divisional meetings of the Cooper Society included E. M. Nicholson, Executive Director of the Nature Conservancy of England, on "Nature Conservation in Britain," at Berkeley on May 13, and Robert L. Rudd of the Department of Zoology, University of California, Davis, on "Nature and Poisons—a Zoologist's View," at Berkeley, on October 1.

Applications are invited for Director of the newly-founded Percy Fitzpatrick Institute of African Ornithology at the University of Cape Town. The Institute is an independent organization, but the post carries academic status and membership in the University Institutions Provident Fund, which is compulsory. Applicants should have an M.Sc. or its equivalent, preferably in zoology, and have experience in organized research.

Duties include organization and conduct of ornithological research, administration of the Institute's affairs under a board of control, and responsibility for the proper housing and cataloguing of ornithological records and library.

Applications accompanied by not less than two recent testimonials, giving age, marital status, and providing details of qualifications as well as of previous experience must be received before February 1, 1960.—C. K. NIVEN, *Chairman, Board of Control, Amanzi, Uitenhage, Cape Province, South Africa.*

The National Science Foundation announces that final proposals for antarctic research for the 1960-61 field season should be submitted by Feb-

ruary 15, 1960, in order to allow the necessary time for scientific review and field planning. Proposals should be addressed to the Director, National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D.C., attention of Antarctic Program Director. The staff of the Antarctic Research Program of the NSF will be happy to discuss ideas for proposals informally prior to their final submission or to answer questions regarding the preparation of proposals and problems of research in the antarctic.

The Division of Biological and Medical Sciences of the National Science Foundation announces that the next closing date for receipt of basic research proposals in the life sciences is January 15, 1960. Proposals received prior to that date will be reviewed at the spring meetings of the Foundation's advisory panels and disposition will be made approximately four months following the closing date. Proposals received after January 15, 1960, will be reviewed following the summer closing date of May 15, 1960.

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Pursuant to the By-Laws, the Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Society held an organizational meeting following the election of the Directors at the annual meeting of the members of the corporation. Said Board meeting was held at 5:00 p.m., on April 4, 1959, in 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, California.

J. R. Pemberton presided. Other members present were: John Davis, Thomas R. Howell, Alden H. Miller, Frank A. Pitelka, and Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.

It was moved that the reading of the minutes of the meeting of April 26, 1958, be dispensed with. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

It was moved that the following slate of officers of the Corporation be elected to serve for the ensuing year:

President—J. R. Pemberton
 Sr. Vice-President—W. J. Sheffler
 Jr. Vice-President—Frank A. Pitelka
 Secretary—John Davis
 Assistant Secretary—Thomas R. Howell
 Endowment Secretary—C. V. Duff
 Treasurer—Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.
 Business Manager—C. V. Duff

Assistant Business Managers—Ed N. Harrison
and Thomas R. Howell

Editor—Alden H. Miller

Associate Editors—Frank A. Pitelka and John
Davis

Advertising and Circulation Manager—Jack C.
von Bloeker, Jr.

The motion was seconded and carried unani-
mously.

It was moved that the Society forward the sum
of \$25 to the International Committee for Bird
Preservation to pay for membership dues in-
curred by the Society during the past year. The
motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

It was moved that the Society retain its mem-
bership on the International Committee for Bird

Preservation for the coming year, and that the
regularly scheduled dues for the next membership
period be paid. The motion was seconded and
carried unanimously.

It was moved that the Society decline with
regret the invitation of the South Dakota School
of Mines and Technology to hold the 1960 meet-
ing at Rapid City, South Dakota, under the aus-
pices of that institution. The motion was seconded
and unanimously carried. The Secretary was di-
rected to explore possibilities for the 1960 annual
meeting of the Society. [Subsequent planning has
led to scheduling the meeting for Los Angeles.]

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.—JOHN
DAVIS, *Secretary*.