

THE SEVENTY-FIRST STATED MEETING OF THE  
AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

BY ALBERT WOLFSON, SECRETARY

THE fourth meeting of the Union in the State of California was held in Los Angeles, October 21 through 25, 1953, at the invitation of the Los Angeles County Museum and the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society. Headquarters were in the Ambassador Hotel. Business sessions were held in the Ambassador Hotel, the Los Angeles County Museum, and the Hancock Foundation Auditorium on the campus of the University of Southern California; public sessions were held in the Hancock Auditorium.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Business sessions were held as follows: (1) First Session of the Council, Wednesday, October 21, 9:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Number in attendance, 15. (2) Second Session of the Council, Wednesday, 1:50 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. Number in attendance, 14. (3) Meeting of the Fellows, Wednesday, 4:20 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Number in attendance, 26. (4) Third Session of the Council, Wednesday, 5:20 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Number in attendance, 15. (5) Meeting of the Fellows and Members, Wednesday, 8:40 p.m. to 11:50 p.m. Number in attendance, 46 (Fellows, 26; Members, 20). (6) Fourth Session of the Council, Thursday, October 22, 8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Number in attendance, 14. (7) Second Session of the Fellows and Members, Saturday, October 24, 9:15 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. A quorum was present. (8) Second Session of the Fellows, Saturday, October 24, 1:45 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. Number in attendance, 13.

*Reports of Officers.* The Secretary reported that the total membership of the Union was 2,900, as of October 21, 1953. This was a decrease of 543 compared with last year. Membership by classes was as follows: Fellows, 75; Fellows Emeriti, 2; Honorary Fellows, 16; Corresponding Fellows, 64; Members, 181; Associates, 2,539; and Student Members, 23. Associates elected during the year totaled 284. Vacancies in the classes of membership which are limited in number were as follows: Honorary Fellows, 4; Corresponding Fellows, 11; Fellows, 0; and Members, 19. The total number of Fellows is 75 (50 Fellows under and 25 Fellows over 65 years of age). Deaths during the year totaled 27, the same as last year, and were distributed as follows: Fellows, none; Honorary Fellows, none; Corresponding Fellows, 4; Members, none; Honorary Life Member, 1; Life Associates, 4; Honorary Life Asso-

ciates, 4; Associates, 14. The Secretary received from Dr. A. W. Schorger, Chairman of the Committee on Biography, notices of the death of the following:

- Stephen T. Bivins, Associate, May 2, 1953, at Milledgeville, Georgia.  
Charles Anaultus Bruun, Life Associate, August 25, 1943, at Kansas City, Missouri.  
Prince Francesco Chigi, Corresponding Fellow, July 2, 1953, at Rome, Italy.  
Charles Thomas Church, Associate, February 15, 1953, at New York City.  
Albert Ernest Colburn, Honorary Life Associate, January 16, 1953, at Los Angeles, California.  
John M. Davis, Associate, May 8, 1952, at Redwood City, California.  
Elaine (Mrs. Howard) Drew, Associate, December 22, 1952, at Barre, Vermont.  
Charles Dupond, Corresponding Fellow, November 20, 1952, at Laken, Belgium.  
Alva Howard Felger, Honorary Life Associate, September 15, 1952, at Denver, Colorado.  
Homer Lenoir Ferguson, Life Associate, March 14, 1953, at Warwick, Virginia.  
William Lovell Finley, Honorary Life Member, June 29, 1953, at Portland, Oregon.  
James Rhoads Gillin, Associate, March 25, 1952, at Wilmington, Delaware.  
Masauji Hachisuka, Corresponding Fellow, May 14, 1953, at Tokyo, Japan.  
Clifford E. Hope, Associate, August 9, 1953, at Toronto, Canada.  
Harry Leon Kutz, Associate, December 25, 1952, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
Zell Charlotta Lee, Associate, June 23, 1953, at Sioux City, Iowa.  
Herbert Raphael Mills, Associate, June 27, 1952, at Tampa, Florida.  
Leon Nelson Nichols, Associate, August 3, 1953, at New York City.  
Juliette Amelia Owen, Life Associate, October 25, 1943, at St. Joseph, Missouri.  
George Lewis Perry, Associate, July 31, 1952, at Winchester, Massachusetts.  
John McFarlane Phillips, Associate, September 8, 1953, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.  
Samuel Nicholson Rhoads, Life Associate, December 27, 1952, at Blackwood, New Jersey.  
Leonora Jeffrey Rintoul, Corresponding Fellow, May 22, 1953, at Largo, Scotland.  
William Jones Serrill, Associate, May 22, 1952, at Haverford, Pennsylvania.  
Clark Perkins Streator, Honorary Life Associate, November 28, 1952, at Santa Cruz, California.  
Henry Hotchkiss Townshend, Associate, May 10, 1953, at New Haven, Connecticut.  
Addison Prentiss Wilbur, Honorary Life Associate, August 25, 1949, at Canandaigua, New York.

The Treasurer read his report, which will be published in a later issue of 'The Auk.'

Dr. Robert W. Storer, Editor of 'The Auk,' reported on matters of policy and forthcoming issues. Since 'The Auk' is a permanent record of research accomplished and facts discovered, papers submitted for publication will be judged primarily for their future value and secondarily for their present interest. This policy will also apply to the section on general notes and should result in a change in emphasis from records of occurrence to information on the habits and biology of birds. He made it clear that distributional data are important and will continue to be published, especially notes which

summarize several apparently related records. Dr. Storer discussed the weaknesses of the present systems of abstracting the recent literature and preparing the annual and decennial indexes and made suggestions for improving them. Material on hand, and scheduled for 1954 issues of 'The Auk,' includes papers on the Sooty Terns of Ascension Island, the pairing behavior of the Cliff Swallow, energy balance in the English Sparrow, and the rediscovered Brazilian Merganser (*Mergus octosetaceus*).

*Reports of Committees.* The Chairman of the Committee on Endowment, Mrs. Betty Carnes, reported the following results: Life Members, \$1,500.00; partial payments of prospective Life Members, \$604.00; partial payments of prospective Patrons, \$1,100.00; donations to the endowment fund, \$910.29—a total endowment increase of \$4,114.29. Contributions to current expenses totaled \$775.00, thereby making a grand total of \$4,889.29, obtained by the Committee. Through the efforts of this Committee, under the Chairmanship of Betty Carnes, the endowment of the Union was increased by \$7,559.29 during the past 2 years. (This does not include \$1558.30 which was transferred from the Canadian Account in 1952.)

The report of the Special Canadian Committee was given by Mr. Hoyes Lloyd, Chairman. The work of this Committee was concluded on February 27, 1953, with the transfer of all funds to the Treasurer, and the Committee was discharged. The Council, in accepting the Committee's report, expressed its thanks to Mr. Lloyd for his great service to the Union as Chairman of this Committee during its several years of existence.

Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Chairman of the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds, reported that the Committee has prepared in draft form a revision of the ranges of the remaining part of the family Fringillidae, to cover those species from the genus *Arremonops* to the end. The material went out to collaborators for criticism in four sections, the information being very extensive because of the large number of subspecies to be covered. During the year the Committee gave formal consideration to 42 cases which covered proposals for change in name or status, descriptions of new races, revivals of forms not currently recognized, and records of extralimital birds. Twenty-one changes, corrections, and additions have been published in the Twenty-eighth Supplement of the American Ornithologists' Union Check-List of North American Birds, which appeared in 'The Auk' for July, 1953. The services of Mr. E. M. Reilly, in the employ of the Committee for the assembly of range material from the files of the Fish and Wildlife Service and from other

sources, continued until February 13, 1953, when his work on the final species in the family Fringillidae was completed. Following Mr. Reilly's appointment to a position in the New York State Museum at Albany in October, 1952, the Committee was assisted materially through the cooperation of Dr. Ralph Palmer, of that institution, who permitted Mr. Reilly to carry forward some of the work as a part of his usual duties in addition to the hours outside official time for which he was paid from funds provided by the Smithsonian Institution. Mr. Reilly's work for the Committee began June 15, 1948, and terminated, as indicated above, when his part of the task was completed. The grants of funds from the Smithsonian Institution through the course of the work have amounted to a total of \$15,743.51. In addition, the typing, mimeographing, and mailing of the range material to the collaborators, other mimeographed lists, and considerable correspondence have been contributed by the Smithsonian Institution through the offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Work has begun on preparation of the final manuscript, but it cannot be determined at this time when this will be ready for publication.

Dr. Albert Wolfson, Chairman, reported that the Committee on Research has submitted a list of unpublished theses in ornithology to the Editor for publication in 'The Auk.' The manuscript for the book on recent studies in avian biology has been completed and has been accepted for publication by The University of Illinois Press with the proviso that the Union guarantee at least half the cost of publication. The Council voted to support this project and approved the solicitation of advance subscriptions as a means of meeting this guarantee. The book is expected to appear in the late fall of 1954.

Following the procedure of previous years, the Committee on Student Membership Awards, under the Chairmanship of Dr. William H. Behle, distributed application blanks for student membership awards to 90 regional representatives. Dr. Behle reported that 23 applications were received. Since sufficient funds were available, all applications were granted. The list of recipients was published in the April (1953) issue of 'The Auk.'

Mr. C. K. Nichols, Editor of the '10-Year Index to The Auk,' reported that the manuscript is expected to be ready for checking and copy reading early next year.

Work on the 'Handbook of North American Birds,' sponsored by the Union, with Dr. Ralph S. Palmer as Editor, is progressing. One of the present major problems is the financing of this extensive work. Dr. Palmer discussed a number of possible solutions with the members

of the Council and other interested persons. It is clear that some solution will need to be found soon if the work on the 'Handbook' is to continue.

*The Award of the Brewster Medal.* The 1953 Brewster Medal was awarded, by action of the Council, to Dr. Hildegarde Howard (Mrs. H. Anson Wylde) for her series of papers on fossil birds dealing with basic research in avian palaeontology. The report of the Committee states: "Her papers in 'The Auk' and 'The Condor' deal especially with material from Fossil Lake, Oregon, and southern California horizons, while a longer and more philosophical paper in 'The Ibis' presents a summary of our current knowledge of the evolution of birds. All are important contributions to scientific ornithology, and the Committee was pleased to recognize both the work of the woman and the essential role in ornithology of competent work in avian palaeontology."

*Next Stated Meeting.* Fellows and Members, meeting together, accepted the invitation of the University of Wisconsin to hold the Seventy-second Stated Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. The Council recommended that the Meeting be held early in September if possible. Dr. A. W. Schorger, Chairman of the Local Committee on Arrangements, has notified the Secretary that the Meeting will be held September 8 through 12. Invitations were also received from several organizations in Boston and from the Denver Museum of Natural History. The Council recommended that the Seventy-third Stated Meeting be held in Boston in 1955 and the Seventy-fourth Stated Meeting be held in Denver in 1956. This recommendation was accepted by the Fellows and Members.

*Amendments to the By-Laws.* Two amendments to the By-Laws were proposed. They were approved by the Council and the Fellows. These amendments are as follows: (1) The name of the class of membership which is now called "Associates" be changed to "Members"; (2) The name of the class of membership which is now called "Members" be changed to "Elective Members." These amendments would necessitate changing the By-Laws only to incorporate these new names as follows: Art. I, Sects. 1, 6, 7; Art. II, Sects. 1, 3; Art. III, Sects. 2, 4; Art. IV, Sects. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12; Art. V, Sects. 1, 3, 5, 7. Final action will be taken by the Fellows in 1954.

*Miscellaneous Matters.* Mrs. Marcia B. Tucker, at the invitation of the Secretary, donated \$250.00 to help a student attend the Stated Meeting in Los Angeles. The officers designated this contribution as the "Marcia B. Tucker Student Award in Ornithology." The Secretary solicited applications from many persons, and seven applications were received. The Award was made by the officers to Christopher M. Packard of Brunswick, Maine.

At the Meeting last year in Baton Rouge, the Council voted to change the name of the Committee on Bird Protection to the Advisory Committee on Bird Protection. Although all Committees of the Union are clearly advisory to the Council, this action was taken to emphasize the fact that members of the Union who are active in matters of bird protection cannot act in behalf of the Union without the approval of the Council. The scope, activities, and responsibilities of the Committee remained unchanged. In view of the great misunderstanding which arose as a result of this action, the Council voted this year to delete the word "Advisory" from the title of this Committee. The Committee presented two reports to the Council; both of them were approved and have been submitted to the Editor of 'The Auk.'

The Council voted that the A.O.U. become affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (A. A. A. S.) and become an Affiliate Society of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (A. I. B. S.).

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for 1953-54: *President*, Alden H. Miller; *Vice-Presidents*, Ludlow Griscom and Ernst Mayr; *Secretary*, Harold Mayfield; *Treasurer*, Charles G. Sibley. *Elective Members of the Council*: John T. Emlen, Jr., A. W. Schorger, Albert Wolfson.

The Council re-elected Robert W. Storer, *Editor* of 'The Auk'; Frederick V. Hebard (Chairman), G. Ruhland Rebmann, Jr., and Phillips B. Street, *Investing Trustees*.

#### ELECTION OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS

##### FELLOWS—3

W. Lee Chambers, Topanga, California.  
John Roy Pemberton, Los Angeles, California  
Francis Marion Weston, Pensacola, Florida.

##### HONORARY FELLOW—1

Ernst Schüz, Stuttgart, Germany.

##### CORRESPONDING FELLOWS—2

Edward M. Nicholson, London, England.  
Ludwig Schuster, Hessen, Germany.

##### MEMBERS—13

Paul Herbert Baldwin, Fort Collins, Colorado.  
Frederick Milton Baumgartner, Stillwater, Oklahoma.  
Alexander William Blain, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.  
John Davis, Monterey County, California.  
Miguel Alvarez del Toro, Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico.

Keith Lee Dixon, College Station, Texas.  
 Henry Sheldon Fitch, Lawrence, Kansas.  
 Gordon W. Gullion, Boulder City, Nevada.  
 Thomas Raymond Howell, Los Angeles, California.  
 Carl Buckingham Koford, Berkeley, California.  
 Robert Allen Norris, Berkeley, California.  
 Kenneth Carroll Parkes, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.  
 Kenneth E. Stager, Los Angeles, California.

#### ATTENDANCE

Registration at the meeting showed an attendance of 140 members, composed of 1 Corresponding Fellow, 26 Fellows, 30 Members, and 83 Associates. Among the members present were also the following three Patrons: Betty Carnes, Hoyes Lloyd, and Mrs. Dayton Stoner. Represented were 23 states, the District of Columbia, two provinces of Canada (British Columbia and Ontario), Hawaii, India, and Venezuela. Attendance of 81 guests brought the total registration to 221. Registration at recent meetings at which a fee has been charged has been as follows: 1950, Minneapolis and St. Paul—270; 1951, Montreal—262; 1952, Baton Rouge—288.

#### CORRESPONDING FELLOWS, FELLOWS, MEMBERS, AND ASSOCIATES PRESENT

**CORRESPONDING FELLOW:**—Sálim A. Ali, Bombay, India.

**FELLOWS:**—Dean Amadon, Alfred M. Bailey, William H. Behle, Jean Delacour, Herbert Friedmann, James C. Greenway, Ludlow Griscom, Hildegard Howard, Frederick C. Lincoln, Hoyes Lloyd, George H. Lowery, Jr., Alden H. Miller, Loye Miller, Robert T. Moore, James A. Munro, William H. Phelps, Frank A. Pitelka, S. Dillon Ripley, A. W. Schorger, Lester L. Snyder, Alexander Sprunt, Jr., Herbert L. Stoddard, Sr., Robert W. Storer, Josselyn Van Tyne, Alexander Wetmore, Albert Wolfson.

**MEMBERS:**—Anders H. Anderson, John H. Baker, Howard L. Cogswell, John Davis, Keith L. Dixon, E. Thomas Gilliard, Earle R. Greene, Donald R. Griffin, Frederick V. Hebard, Thomas R. Howell, Laurence M. Huey, Junea W. Kelly, Carl Koford, Seth H. Low, Joe T. Marshall, Jr., Robert M. Mengel, Robert C. Miller, Gale Monson, R. Allyn Moser, Robert J. Niedrach, Robert T. Orr, Ralph S. Palmer, Allan R. Phillips, Karl Plath, Charles G. Sibley, Kenneth E. Stager, Wendell Taber, Harrison B. Tordoff, Laidlaw O. Williams, Lloyd R. Wolfe.

**ASSOCIATES:**—Philip H. Arend, M. Dale Arvey, Sarah R. Atsatt, Enid K. Austin, Mildred E. Baker, Vernon Barrett, Karl E. Bartel, Don L. Bleitz, Darl E. Bowers, Robert I. Bowman, Tom J. Cade, Betty Carnes, Robert M. Chew, Henry E. Childs, Jr., Julius H. Comby, John B. Cowan, James E. Crouch, William R. Dawson, Theodore Downs, Carroll V. Duff, William R. Fish, Norman R. French, Mrs. David E. Froehlich, Fred N. Gallup, Adele Lewis Grant, Ruth W. Greene, C. A. Harwell, Mrs. Lillian K. Henningsen, Lewis O. Horsky, Philip S. Humphrey, Lloyd G. Ingles, David W. Johnston, Clarence S. Jung, Thomas L. Kemper, Edgar B. Kincaid, Eric C. Kinsey, James B. Linford, Wilmot Lloyd, Roberta J. Long, Ron H. Mackay, Rolf E. Mall, David B. Marshall, Frank P. Mathews, Wilbur W. Mayhew, Eben L. McMillan, Ian I. McMillan, Douglas S. Miller, Burt L. Monroe, Jr., Mrs. Robert

C. Murphy, Christopher M. Packard, Clarence J. Parker, Theed Pearse, Sidney B. Peyton, Sid D. Platford, Russell H. Pray, Don S. Prentice, Frank W. Preston, Robert L. Pyle, W. Daniel Quattlebaum, T. Eric Reynolds, Laurel Reynolds, Frances F. Roberts, Roland Case Ross, George W. Salt, William J. Sheffler, Mrs. Kathleen Green Skelton, Mabel Slack, Arnold Small, Robert W. Smart, Emily D. Smith, Mrs. R. R. Snapp, Alexander Sprunt, IV, Peter Stettenheim, Mrs. Dayton Stoner, Emerson A. Stoner, Robert R. Talmadge, Sally S. Tate, Robert L. Taylor, Gerald B. Thomas, Helen B. Van Tyne, Mrs. Julia E. Wagner, Helen J. Williams, Raymond E. Williams.

#### PUBLIC SESSIONS

Five public sessions were held, two on Thursday, one on Friday, and two on Saturday. Four of these sessions were concerned entirely with the reading of papers. The session on Friday morning was devoted partly to papers and partly to a symposium; the session on Saturday afternoon was devoted partly to the showing of motion pictures. An outline of the program is presented below. Titles marked with an asterisk were illustrated by lantern slides.

#### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Welcome by MR. JOHN ANSON FORD, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles.

Response on behalf of the American Ornithologists' Union.

Report on the Business Meetings; announcements on the results of elections and the Brewster Memorial Award.

Announcements from the Local Committee on Arrangements.

The Problem of Cerophagy in the Honey-guides. HERBERT FRIEDMANN, U.S. National Museum, Washington.

\*The Demonstration of Species Formation in Birds. ALDEN H. MILLER, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley.

\*Acoustic Orientation in the Oil-bird, *Steatornis caripensis*. DONALD R. GRIFFIN, Biological Laboratories, Harvard University, Cambridge.

\*Mating Behavior of the Brewer's Blackbird. THOMAS R. HOWELL and RICHARD JOHNSON, Department of Zoology, University of California, Los Angeles.

\*Color Specification for Biologists. E. M. REILLY, JR., and RALPH S. PALMER, New York State Museum, Albany.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

\*Social and Nesting Habits of Pentland's Tinamou. CARL KOFORD, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley.

Feigning in North American Parulidae. FREDERICK V. HEBARD, Philadelphia.

\*Studies on Habitat Preference in the Birds of Jackson Hole, Wyoming. GEORGE W. SALT, Department of Zoology, University of California, Davis.

A Blancan Avifauna from Kansas. HARRISON B. TORDOFF, Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Remarks on Bill Proportions of Birds. DEAN AMADON, American Museum of Natural History, New York.

\*Some Evidence for Genetic Change in a Hybrid Titmouse Population. KEITH L. DIXON, Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station.



- Productivity Records of the Mourning Dove in California. JOHN B. COWAN, Gray Lodge State Refuge, Gridley, California.
- \*Status of the Hudson River Eyries. RICHARD A. HERBERT and KATHLEEN GREEN SKELTON, New York.
- \*Population Responses of the Brown Towhee to Foothill Vegetation. HENRY E. CHILDS, JR., University of California, San Joaquin Experimental Range, O'Neals.
- \*Nesting of the White Pelican and Other Colonial Waterbirds at Anaho Island, Nevada. DAVID B. MARSHALL, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fallon, Nevada.
- \*Migration of the White Pelicans of Gunnison Island, Great Salt Lake. WILLIAM H. BEHLE, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

- \*Annual Gonad and Thyroid Cycles of the English Sparrow in Southern California. JOHN DAVIS, Hastings Reservation, Monterey County, California.
- \*Production of Repeated Gonadal, Fat, and Molt Cycles within One Year in the Junco and White-crowned Sparrow by Manipulation of Photoperiod. ALBERT WOLFSON, Department of Biological Sciences, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

## SYMPOSIUM ON AVIAN METABOLISM

Moderator: OLIVER P. PEARSON

- Metabolism of Flight. GEORGE W. SALT, Department of Zoology, University of California, Davis.
- \*Water Metabolism of Birds. WILLIAM R. DAWSON, Department of Zoology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- \*Metabolic Economy of Arctic Birds. LAURENCE IRVING, Arctic Health Research Center, Public Health Service, Anchorage, Alaska.
- \*Bio-energetics of Some California Birds. OLIVER P. PEARSON, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

- Vagrancy of Central California Cliff Swallows. WILBUR W. MAYHEW, Atomic Energy Project, University of California, Los Angeles.
- \*Interspecific Relations of Breeding Gulls. DAVID W. JOHNSTON, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley.
- \*Variation and Evolution in *Zonotrichia leucophrys*. BARBARA BLANCHARD OAKESON, University of California, Santa Barbara College.
- \*Avian Predators in the Lemming Cycle at Barrow, Alaska. FRANK A. PITELKA, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley.
- \*Species Limits in the Red-eyed Towhees. CHARLES G. SIBLEY, Department of Conservation, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
- \*Outstanding Features of the Ralph Ellis Library of Ornithology at the University of Kansas. ROBERT M. MENGEL, University Library, and Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Lawrence.
- Montane Birds of Northeastern Sonora. JOE T. MARSHALL, JR., University of Arizona, Tucson.
- \*Patterns of Bird Distribution and Migration in Arizona and Northern Sonora, Past and Present. ALLAN R. PHILLIPS, Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff.

- \*The Influence of Density of Chaparral Vegetation on Territory Size in the Bewick's Wren and the Spotted Towhee. HOWARD L. COGSWELL, Mills College, Oakland, California.
- \*Variation in the Rough-legged Hawks of North America. TOM J. CADE, Department of Zoology, University of California, Los Angeles.
- \*Comments on the Biogeography of Arabia, with Special Reference to the Avifauna. S. DILLON RIPLEY, Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- Recorded Songs of Some Western Birds. WILLIAM R. FISH, China Lake, California.
- \*The Havasu Lake National Wildlife Refuge. GALE MONSON, Havasu Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Parker, Arizona.
- On the Nesting of Bent's Crossbills (motion picture). ALFRED M. BAILEY, Denver Museum of Natural History, Denver, Colorado.
- Indefatigable Island (motion picture). ROBERT I. BOWMAN, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley.
- Hummingbirds in the Chiricahua Mountains (motion picture). BERT HARWELL, Berkeley, California.
- \*Development of the Stillwater Wildlife Management Area, Nevada. DAVID B. MARSHALL, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fallon, Nevada.

#### OTHER EVENTS

On Wednesday evening a dinner for the Fellows was given by the Local Committee in the Regency Room of the Ambassador Hotel. Forty-one persons attended. Following the dinner, Dr. and Mrs. Van Tyne entertained over 250 members and guests of the Union at an after-dinner coffee hour on the Lido Terrace at the Ambassador Hotel.

A reception and open house were held at the Los Angeles County Museum on Thursday evening; 211 members and guests were present. Hosts for the evening were Jean Delacour, Director, and members of the Museum's Board of Governors. Persons attending this reception had an opportunity to examine the Museum's galleries and collections.

A special exhibition of bird art entitled "Portraits of Birds" consisted of original paintings of Mexican birds by the late Andrew Jackson Grayson and paintings of North American birds by two young bird artists, Mr. Robert Verity Clem, of Hamden, Massachusetts, and Mr. William D. Berry, of Los Angeles, California. Supplementing the bird paintings were forty beautiful large carbony prints of western birds photographed by Mr. Don Bleitz of Los Angeles.

Following the precedent set by the 1952 meeting at Baton Rouge, the paper sessions were interrupted on Friday afternoon. A.O.U. members and guests visited the famous Huntington Library and Art

Galleries and attended an open house at the Robert T. Moore Ornithological Laboratory on the campus of Occidental College. Eighty-five members and guests participated in this outing.

On Saturday evening, 170 members and guests attended the Annual Banquet in the Gold Room of the Ambassador Hotel. Entertainment was provided by the guest of honor, Mr. Red Skelton of motion picture and television fame. Additional entertainment of an ornithological nature was provided by a remarkably well-trained talking African Gray Parrot.

The field trip on Sunday took sixty members and guests by chartered buses to a variety of bird habitats. The trip of 160 miles included visits to coastal shore bird localities as well as stopovers in oak woodland and high mountain pine forests. A number of interesting species were observed throughout the day in these varied areas.

Special features for the wives of visiting ornithologists included visits to the Will Rogers ranch and the Farmers' Market, an afternoon as guests of the Walt Disney Studios, and a trip to the early California Mission at San Gabriel and a nearby Mexican shopping area.

#### RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The American Ornithologists' Union is about to conclude its Seventy-first Stated Meeting, the first to be held in the great city of Los Angeles; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we express the deep gratitude of the Union to the Local Committee on Arrangements, which has served so efficiently and untiringly under the able leadership of Jean Delacour and Kenneth E. Stager, with the aid of Vernon Barrett, J. C. von Bloeker, Jr., John Davis, Walt Disney, C. V. Duff, Wade Fox, Jr., Ed N. Harrison, Hildegard Howard, Thomas R. Howell, Earle R. Greene, Rufus B. von Kleinsmid, Robert T. Moore, J. R. Pemberton, Sidney B. Peyton, Howard Robertson, W. J. Sheffler, and Ray Thomas; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we express the full appreciation of the American Ornithologists' Union to the University of Southern California for the use of its magnificent facilities and to the Board of Governors of the Los Angeles County Museum for its delightful reception and art exhibit provided for our pleasure.

*Be It Finally Resolved*, That we express the thanks of the American Ornithologists' Union to the trustees of the Huntington Gardens and Library, and to Robert T. Moore and Occidental College, for their hospitality.