

## NOTES AND NEWS

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club has been scheduled for April 11 and 12, 1941, at Berkeley. This falls on Friday and Saturday of Easter week. Accordingly, it should be easy for those members connected with schools and universities to attend because of vacation periods at that time. The sessions will be held in the Life Sciences Building on the campus of the University of California. The committee in charge of arrangements consists of James Moffitt, chairman, W. I. Follett, Hilda W. Grinnell, Joe T. Marshall, Jr., and Alden H. Miller. Club members who wish to contribute to the scientific program are invited to lay plans now for papers they expect to present. The committee would appreciate knowing of such contributions even in advance of the formal call for papers.

The present issue of the Condor is able to present the history of the California Condor *in extenso*, inclusive of a colored plate, because of the special efforts of Mr. W. Lee Chambers in procuring financial support additional to the income normally available for publishing the magazine.

On December 24, 1940, W. Otto Emerson of Hayward, California, passed away at the age of 85 years. Mr. Emerson was well known to all of the older generation of bird students. His home in Hayward, Palm Cottage, was a center of ornithological activity before and around the turn of the century. Beginning in 1881 he published many of the earliest accounts of the habits of Californian birds, first in the old Ornithologist and Oologist, then in the Nidiologist and finally in the Condor in its early volumes. Attention is called to a portrait of Mr. Emerson taken on his 76th birthday which appeared in the Condor four years ago (39, 1937:46).—A. H. M.

We wish to express gratitude to several people for assisting in editorial work during the past year. Those who have aided are Janet Failla, Hilda W. Grinnell, Joe T. Marshall, Jr., and Virginia D. Miller. The index for volume 42 was prepared by Selma Werner to whom the Club is again indebted for this important service.

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

## NORTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, September 26, 1940, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with Mr. Joe T. Marshall,

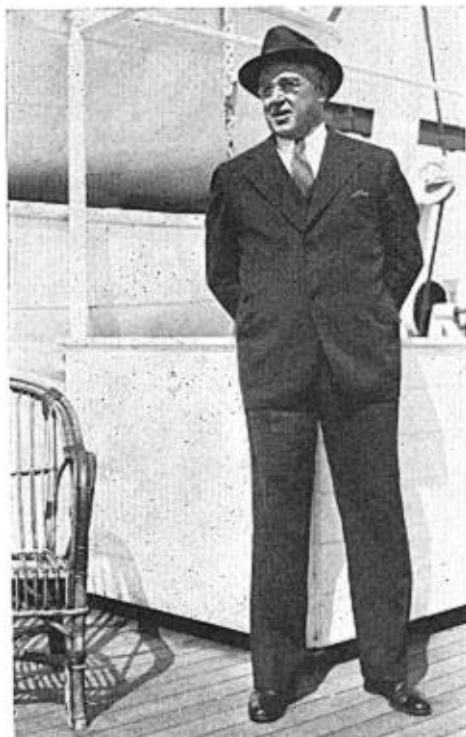


Fig. 24. Harry Harris, historian, bibliographer and ornithologist; author of "The Annals of *Gymnogyps*" which appear in this issue of the Condor.

Jr., presiding and 45 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for August were read. Names proposed for membership were: Mrs. William E. Campbell, Glenbrook, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, by Frances Carter; Andrew C. Olson, Jr., University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, by Alden H. Miller.

Mr. Alden Miller reviewed W. E. Clyde Todd's *Birds of Western Pennsylvania*, illustrated by George Miksch Sutton, a volume for which data has been collected since 1893. Mr. Haley added reminiscences of boyhood days when he, now a botanist, and Todd, an ornithologist, exchanged correspondence on the subject of butterflies.

W. Otto Emerson urged bird students to secure the cooperation of botanists and entomologists, in order to learn how to make their gardens attractive for certain birds. Mrs. Allen noted the appearance early in August, at Dumbarton Bridge, of the albino Eared Grebe which had been seen there periodically since July 29, 1939.