

NOTES AND NEWS



Fig. 23. Dr. and Mrs. James P. Chapin, on the occasion of the field trip of the American Ornithologists' Union to Mount Evans, Colorado, September 5, 1941.

On April 3, 1942, the Cooper Ornithological Club will assemble in San Diego for its Sixteenth Annual Meeting. Sessions for the presentation of papers are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4, at the Natural History Museum, in Balboa Park. The local committee on arrangements, consisting of Clinton G. Abbott, chairman, James E. Crouch, James B. Dixon, Ed N. Harrison and Laurence M. Huey, has planned field trips for Sunday, April 5. Members who have attended the earlier meetings in San Diego, which proved to be highly enjoyable and profitable, can look forward with special anticipation to the return of the Club to that city. A special feature promised to out-of-town members is a visit to the justly famous San Diego Zoo. The zoological gardens there have grown rapidly in the past few years and many unusual reptiles, birds, and mammals have been added to the collection.—A. H. M.

What has happened to the enthusiasm with which Californians established their great system of State Parks? Only a little more than ten years ago large numbers of persons were active in the selection of many parcels of land to be set aside for some special use and protected by the State. Point Lobos Reserve was singled out for extra effort and it was nurtured with so much care and study that it came to be recognized by

thousands of persons as the most valuable bit of land in California. But not everyone recognizes at a glance the need for constant vigilance if this value is to be preserved. In the past five years schemes for economy or opportunity for harmful activity in the Reserve have been discovered by so many persons and groups of people as nearly to smother the working of the plan originally adopted as essential to the preservation of the peculiar values of the area for visitors. One person has struggled to carry out the provisions of this plan. But this is not a task for one person. Every person who appreciates the ideals represented by the maintenance of Point Lobos needs to revive his interest or this spot will soon again be just another weed-filled, track-scarred, picnic ground, too far away to invite a visit. How can we expect to combat forces in remote places, that worship only power and materials, without first making effort to keep our own ideas of worth in good order? The least that any person can do to maintain this symbol of our appreciation of Nature is to acquaint himself with the injuries it is receiving and then to encourage its most active sponsor, the Save-the-Redwoods League, to maintain its guard and see that the harm is warded off.—JEAN M. LINSDALE.

Welcome is extended to the new chapter of the Cooper Club in Tucson, Arizona. The organization of an active group of members in the Tucson area is a happy occasion for the Club as a whole. The officers of the chapter, President Edouard C. Jacot and Secretary Mary Jane Nichols, have outlined a program of field study which as a group undertaking sets an excellent example for other divisions of the Club. In brief, the plan calls for field trips at two-week intervals, with card file records of observations made by the participants.—A. H. M.

Losses of prominent ornithologists have been severe in the past few months. Recently we learned of the passing of Dr. Casey A. Wood, especially known for his studies of the eyes of birds and for his bibliographic work in vertebrate zoology. On February 14, death came to Dr. Glover M. Allen, distinguished scholar and writer in the fields of mammalogy and ornithology and since 1937 editor of the *Auk*.

Included in this issue of the *Condor* is the first account of the invasion of California by the Starling. Stanley Jewett's report (p. 79) of this regretted, but inevitable, event is presented to our readers as quickly as possible so that field observers may be on the alert to obtain all possible details of the subsequent progress of the invasion.