

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

DECEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, December 18, 1941, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with President E. Lowell Sumner, Jr., in the chair and about 50 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for November were read and approved. Names proposed for membership were: Ralph H. Miller, 2412 Channing Way, Berkeley, and Roland Kent Miller, 2410 Channing Way, Berkeley, both by Alden H. Miller; Lyman Walton Breed, 2319 College Avenue, Berkeley, by Seth B. Benson.

Mr. Harwell announced that the Annual Convention of Audubon Societies in California would be held at Santa Barbara, January 23-25, 1942. The president appointed a nominating committee, to consist of Mrs. Amelia S. Allen, W. I. Follett and Alden H. Miller, chairman.

Mr. Covel described clouds of Snow Geese in the Federal Wildlife Refuge in the Sacramento Valley on shooting days; it is very apparent that the birds have become "refuge wise." Mr. Linsdale spoke of the scarcity of small land birds at Hastings Reservation. Due to almost complete failure of the acorn crop, only one California Woodpecker had been seen in two months.

Dr. T. Eric Reynolds spoke on "Migratory Movements of Western Birds." He had selected for study an arbitrary area included in a 100-mile radius with Berkeley as the center. Different migratory trends were discussed, namely, altitudinal movements, counter-currents northward, moving out of a territory after nesting, westward movements, etc.

Adjourned.—FRANCES CARTER, *Recording Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, January 22, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 212 Wheeler Hall, University of California, Berkeley, with Vice-president R. M. Bond in the chair and about 45 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for December, 1941, were read and approved. As chairman of the nominating committee, Mr. Alden H. Miller presented the same slate of officers (President, E. Lowell Sumner, Jr.; Vice-president, Richard M. Bond; Corresponding Secretary, Hilda W. Grinnell; Recording Secretary, Frances Carter) to continue in office for the coming year, and the meeting was opened to nominations from the floor. It was moved and carried that the nominations be closed and the secretary instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for the list as presented.

Mr. Miller announced receipt of a letter from

the Bird Club Section of the Tucson Natural History Society, Tucson, Arizona, which is desirous of forming a new Chapter of the Cooper Ornithological Club. The Secretary, Mrs. Mary Jane Nichols, stated that the local organization had been active since 1940 and included a number of members of the Cooper Club. The formal application, which will be considered before both divisions of the Club, was unanimously accepted by the Northern Division at this meeting.

A number of local field notes were reported. Mr. Bond received a telephone message concerning robins which were becoming "groggy" on red berries. It is known, he commented, that certain species of cotoneaster and pyracanthus have a sedative or toxic effect. B. C. Cain reported that for the first time in 17 years, a California Woodpecker had come actually into the grounds of the Scout Camp in Dimond Canyon. The acorn crop has not been heavy in the surrounding area. He also called attention to the fact that the birds were no longer being fed at Lake Merritt, Oakland, due to the cutting of appropriations.

Mr. Jean M. Linsdale spoke on "The Natural History of the Yellow-billed Magpie." He has carried out extensive studies on this species at the Hastings Reservation in Monterey County, where nesting activity begins in early fall, although nesting may occur as late as June. This species is resident, although complete absences of as long as 10 days from parts of the range may occur. In this connection, Mr. Linsdale added that migration is probably characteristic of all birds but is exhibited to a greater or lesser degree.

Adjourned.—FRANCES CARTER, *Recording Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Los Angeles Museum on Tuesday, November 25, 1941, with President Hildegarde Howard in the chair and about 27 members and guests present. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as read. The following applications for membership were read: John W. Slipp, Botany Department, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, proposed by W. Lee Chambers; and Esther Jeanette Rideout, 709 Oak Street, Santa Ana, California, proposed by John McB. Robertson.

A letter from the American Association for the Advancement of Science was read, stating that its next meeting would be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 15 to 20, 1942.

The publishers of "Trail Magazine" made an offer of a free notice for the Cooper Club. A motion for its acceptance was made by George Willett and seconded by Sidney B. Peyton. The motion was put to vote and carried.

President Howard then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Carlton M. Herman, who

presented a lecture entitled "Coccidiosis of Birds." The subject was necessarily of a technical nature but was presented in a manner understandable to all. The paper was then opened to discussion, which was freely participated in by those present.

On November 2, 1941, Mr. Arthur Berry reported seeing three Cowbirds. George Willett asked Sidney B. Peyton about the band of a Condor which had been reported found. Mr. Peyton stated that the band was found in August, 1941, and was from a bird that had been banded in 1939.

Adjourned.—IRWIN D. NOKES, *Secretary*.

DECEMBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, Los Angeles, on Tuesday, December 30, 1941, at 8:00 p.m., with President Hildegarde Howard in the chair and about 100 members and guests present. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as read. The following applications for membership were read: I. C. Adams, Jr., Box 2592, San Diego, California, proposed by W. Lee Chambers; Dr. Charles F. Walker, Stone Laboratory, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, proposed by Margaret M. Nice; and Arthur L. Berry, 1818½ South Chapel St., Alhambra, California, proposed by Sidney B. Peyton.

Dr. Loye Miller made a motion that appreciation be expressed for use of Room 145 in the Allan Hancock Foundation for the evening and requested that we make arrangements for its future use. The motion was seconded by J. S. Appleton and carried.

President Howard appointed a committee consisting of J. R. Pemberton, Sidney B. Peyton, and George Willett for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year.

President Howard then presented Mr. Ed. Harrison and Mrs. Frances Roberts whose motion picture subject was entitled "More Birds." The four reels of color film shown appeared under the following captions: "Prairie Dogs and Burrowing Owls," "Birds of a Mountain Meadow," "The Golden Eagle," and "Birds of an Inland Lake."

Adjourned.—IRWIN D. NOKES, *Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, January 27, 1942, at 7:45 p.m., in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, Los Angeles, with President Hildegarde Howard in the chair and 96 members and guests present. Minutes of the Southern Division for December, 1941, were read and approved. The following applications for membership were read: Erle D. Morton, Route 2, Box 625, Tuc-

son, Ariz., and Joseph S. Wright, P. O. Box 2423, Tucson, Ariz., proposed by Mary Jane Nichols; Beatrice Wise Nielsen, Wm. Penn Hotel, 2208 West 8th St., Los Angeles, Calif., proposed by W. Lee Chambers; and Fletcher G. Palmer, 419½ North 1st Ave., Upland, Calif., proposed by John McB. Robertson.

A letter from the Tucson Natural History Society requesting permission to form a chapter of the Cooper Ornithological Club in Tucson, Arizona, was read and notice given that the Northern Division had passed favorably on their application on January 22, 1942. Frank G. Watson proposed that the Southern Division similarly approve the request. The motion was seconded by Sherwin F. Wood and carried unanimously.

A letter from the University of Southern California, stating there would be a charge of \$5.00 per meeting to defray cost of heat, light, and janitor service for the use of Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, was read and it was announced that Secretary Irwin D. Nokes had accepted these conditions for the January meeting. A motion by W. Lee Chambers, seconded by George Willett, that the matter be tabled until Captain Hancock could be contacted was unanimously carried.

Mr. C. A. Harwell announced that the California Convention of the National Audubon Society, held at Santa Barbara, January 23 to 25, 1942, was attended by over 300 persons.

The President called for a report of the nominating committee and Chairman George Willett proposed for President, Sherwin F. Wood; for Vice-president, Irwin D. Nokes; and for Secretary, Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr. There being no further nominations, these persons were elected by unanimous ballot. President Wood took the chair.

Mr. Willett announced the death of Dr. Casey A. Wood.

President Wood introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mrs. Mary V. Hood, of Los Angeles, California, who spoke on "Infancy of Woodpeckers" and "Ecological Studies in California." Both topics were illustrated with very excellent kodachrome slides made by Mr. and Mrs. Hood.

The President then introduced the second speaker of the evening, Mr. W. L. Finley, of Portland, Oregon, who, assisted by Mrs. Finley, showed a very fine collection of kodachrome slides of birds and mammals of Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Montana, and Wyoming.

The meeting was then opened to discussion and for reports of observations.

Adjourned.—JACK C. VON BLOEKER, JR., *Secretary*.