

Important among publications recently received is Part 1, Number 1 of the Catalogue of Birds of the Americas. This volume, written by Charles E. Hellmayr and Boardman Conover, is more than ordinarily useful as it covers such groups as the Galliformes and Tinamiformes which have not been fully treated heretofore in the synoptic literature relating to the New World.—A. H. M.

Joe T. Marshall, Jr., and John Davis, ornithologists of the University of California's expedition to El Salvador, returned from Central America in late May. Their excellent collection of skins and skeletons, representative of a large proportion of the species of birds that occur in that country, arrived safely at the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

GOVERNORS' MEETING

The twentieth annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the University Club, San Diego, California, on April 3, 1942. Vice-president Emlen called the meeting to order at 8 p.m., with the following members present: Clinton G. Abbott, J. S. Appleton, Louis B. Bishop, R. M. Bond, W. Lee Chambers, Joseph S. Dixon, John T. Emlen, Jr., Eric C. Kinsey, Alden H. Miller, I. D. Nokes, Wilfred H. Osgood, Harry R. Painton, Howard Robertson, Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr., George Willett, Sherwin F. Wood.

Proxies were presented as follows: Amelia S. Allen, Harold C. Bryant, H. W. Carriger, Frances Carter, Hilda W. Grinnell, J. M. Linsdale, Herbert N. McCoy, Harold Michener, J. R. Pemberton, Gayle B. Pickwell, E. Lowell Sumner, Jr., John G. Tyler, and Curtis Wright, held by Alden H. Miller; Hildegard Howard, Robert T. Moore, and Sidney B. Peyton, by George Willett; Frank N. Bassett and John McB. Robertson, by W. Lee Chambers; Tracy I. Storer, by Clinton G. Abbott; Luther Little by Howard Robertson.

Minutes of the nineteenth annual meeting were read and approved. The report of the Business Managers for 1941 was presented by W. Lee Chambers, which report is appended to these minutes. On motion by Joseph Dixon, the report was accepted. Sherwin Wood, chairman of the auditing committee, which consisted additionally of H. N. McCoy and H. W. Carriger, stated that the report of the Business Managers was in good order and that the Club's securities had been checked by his committee. Report of the auditing committee was accepted on motion by Howard Robertson.

Alden H. Miller presented a report for the editors of the Condor. This was received and ap-

proved by the Board on motion by Clinton G. Abbott.

Howard Robertson brought to notice the recent death of C. Hart Merriam, honorary member of the club. A committee consisting of Wilfred H. Osgood, Joseph Dixon and Clinton G. Abbott was named by the Chair to prepare a suitable memorial resolution. The resolution follows:

The Cooper Ornithological Club, through its Board of Governors, wishes to record its deep sense of loss in the death of Dr. Clinton Hart Merriam.

Through a lifetime of activity in the field of natural science, Dr. Merriam, both directly and indirectly, had a profound influence on the progress and knowledge of the zoology, botany and anthropology of the North American continent. Beginning in 1872 as naturalist of the Hayden Survey and continuing as chief and founder of the U. S. Biological Survey from 1885 to 1907, his work was mainly in the western United States and particularly in the state of California. Following the Death Valley Expedition in 1891, he traversed every part of the state and directed the work of many others in the same field.

His methods and discoveries marked an era in zoological exploration for which the generation following him is deeply indebted. No one appreciates this more than Californians, especially those of the Cooper Ornithological Club of which he was an Honorary Member since 1909.

As one of the most distinguished American zoologists, he received many honors and held many positions of distinction and trust. His love for California led him eventually to make his home there and during his later years he devoted much time to study of the fast disappearing native tribes of the state. The full import of his varied attainments exceeds the possibilities of a brief tribute, but an expression of the very great regard in which he was held in the field of his greatest activity can scarcely be made except in the highest terms.

It is ordered that this be spread upon the minutes of the Club and that it be transmitted to the surviving members of his family.

On motion by Alden H. Miller, a vote of thanks was extended to the local committee on arrangements, the Zoological Society of San Diego, and the San Diego Convention Bureau for the part each had contributed to the success of the annual meeting of the Club.

It was voted on motion of Clinton G. Abbott that a letter be sent to John McB. Robertson expressing the appreciation of the board of his excellent work as Treasurer.

It was agreed that the next annual meeting of the club would be held in northern California, the date to be set later. Approval of this ar-

rangement was made on motion by Howard Robertson.

The following officers of the Board were elected: Harry R. Painton, President; John T. Emlen, Jr., Vice-president; Alden H. Miller, Secretary.

Informal discussion ensued on the problem of storage of the club library and stock of publications.

Adjourned.—ALDEN H. MILLER, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, March 26, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 212 Wheeler Hall, University of California, Berkeley, with President E. Lowell Sumner, Jr. in the chair and about 35 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for February were read and approved. There were two proposals for membership: Harriet Emlen Scott (Mrs. C. E.), 978 Cragmont Avenue, Berkeley, by Amelia S. Allen; Viola Memmler, 1448 Josephine Street, Berkeley, by Susan E. Chattin. Announcement was made of the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Club, to be held in San Diego April 3 to 5.

Field reports were numerous. Mr. Alden Miller had heard the first Warbling Vireo of the season on the campus the morning of March 26. Mrs. Allen said that a Townsend Solitaire had been present for two weeks on the hill at the mouth of Strawberry Canyon, on Mosswood Road. The week-end of March 21, she had seen 12 pairs of Green-winged Teal on the ponds at Alvarado. From east Oakland, Milton Seibert reported a Rufous Hummingbird March 6, Violet-green Swallows the 15th, and the finding of a Sparrow Hawk's nest with 2 eggs on the 17th. B. C. Cain had noted 3 Rough-winged Swallows on March 15 at Mountain View Cemetery. Lewis Woodpeckers have been unusually abundant this year in the vicinity of Mountain Boulevard, the Municipal Golf Course, and San Leandro. They have also been reported from Tilden Park and Orinda. Mrs. Kelly could report the usual early family of Bush-tits from Alameda, this year on March 23. Mr. Sumner had seen 15 Band-tailed Pigeons at Pinnacles National Monument and Milton Seibert had seen a flock in Santa Clara County at Gilroy Hot Springs.

To introduce the subject of the evening, "A Life History Study of the White-tailed Kite," by A. C. Hawbecker, Mrs. Dorothy Dean Sheldon exhibited the original painting by Roger Tory Peterson, made for the poster used in the campaign for conservation of the Kite. Mr. Hawbecker has availed himself of the opportunity to make extensive observations of the species in the region of Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.

He stressed the importance of education and action in conservation.

Adjourned.—FRANCES CARTER, *Recording Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

APRIL.—The regular annual all-day outdoor meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Sunday, April 26, 1942, at Tapia Ranch County Park, Santa Monica Mountains, Los Angeles County, California, with approximately 150 members and guests present. The formal business meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Sherwin F. Wood. Minutes of the Southern Division for February, 1942, were read and approved. The following applications for membership were read: Paul Henry Fairbanks, 2304-A Spaulding St., Long Beach, California, proposed by A. W. Elder; Edward P. Kincaid, Encinitas, California, proposed by Clinton G. Abbott; Enid Reeve Michael, 637 Winona Ave., Pasadena, California, proposed by John McB. Robertson; Frank Arthur Scott, 452 Hillside Ave., Allendale, New Jersey, proposed by W. Lee Chambers; and Dr. Ernest Robert Tinkham, 1335 Woodland Ave., Phoenix, Arizona, proposed by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.

President Wood extended a welcome to members of the Audubon Societies, Southwest Bird Study Club, Western Bird-banding Association, and other friends who joined in the outdoor meeting. A call for field reports and recent observations was then made.

George Willett gave a brief report on his recent field trip for the Los Angeles Museum to Death Valley National Monument, California, from which he had just returned. Jack von Bloeker gave a preliminary summarization of the Allan Hancock Foundation expedition to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Arizona. Laurence Peyton made a report on his recent trip to San Fernando Mission, Lower California. Dr. Mary M. Erickson, of the Santa Barbara State College, reported an abundance of Band-tailed Pigeons near Santa Barbara. Walter I. Allen, of Altadena, reported on his recent observations of the Painted Redstart at his feeding station. Dr. Louis B. Bishop, of Pasadena, spoke of "days that were in comparison with days that are"—a comparative survey of changes in bird life over a period of years as noted on his regular annual trips to the eastern United States and returning through Canada, the northern United States, British Columbia, and the Pacific Coast. W. A. Kent gave a report on the birds observed along the ocean shore and in the environs of Tapia Park during the day.

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