

worthwhile to mention the Mockingbird and Scott Oriole, both of which apparently have extended their ranges northward in Utah. The White-faced Glossy Ibis has appeared in the Uinta Basin with extensive irrigation. There is a well established colony of California Quail, introduced about 1914. It is surprising that no Western Sandpipers were detected in the flocks of Semipalmated Sandpipers reported by the author!

Twomey's report constitutes a valuable contribution to the ornithology of the Great Basin. It is well prepared and the author seems to have obtained the most from his efforts in the field.—FRANK A. PITEKA.

#### MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

##### NORTHERN DIVISION

JULY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, July 23, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with Dr. Alden H. Miller in the chair and 45 members and guests present. After the minutes of the Northern Division for June had been read and accepted, and the minutes of the Southern Division for May had been read, the following were proposed for membership: Mr. Benjamin H. Banta, Box 605, Reno, Nevada, and Mrs. Naoma Packwood, 100 Spring Street, Susanville, California.

Mr. E. L. Sumner, Sr., reported mockingbirds near Larkspur on July 7. Dr. Miller mentioned the finding of Grasshopper and Savannah sparrows nesting in the Berkeley Hills. Robert W. Storer mentioned finding a dead Fork-tailed Petrel on the beach at San Francisco on July 14.

Resolutions recommending that Harold M. and Josephine R. Michener and George Willett be made Honorary Members of the Cooper Ornithological Club were read.

Dr. Miller then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Ian McTaggart Cowan, Assistant Professor of Zoology at the University of British Columbia, who spoke on "Birds of the Alaska Highway" or "Migrants and Mud." The trip on which this talk was based was made in 1938 to the Peace River Valley about 50 miles east of the Rocky Mountains in British Columbia.

Adjourned.—ROBERT W. STORER, *Acting Secretary*.

##### SOUTHERN DIVISION

JULY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, July 28, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, Los Angeles, with President Sherwin F. Wood in the chair and 48 members and guests present. Minutes of the Southern Division for June, 1942, were read and approved as corrected. Minutes of the Northern Division were read by

title only. One new application for membership was read, as follows: Kenneth R. Halstead, 4137 North E Street, San Bernardino, California, proposed by Wilson C. Hanna.

The recommendation for election of Harold M. Michener and Josephine R. Michener, of Pasadena, California, to Honorary Membership in the Cooper Ornithological Club, which had its first reading at the June meeting of this Division, was re-read in accordance with provisions of the Constitution of the Club. Upon motion by Dr. H. R. Painton, seconded by C. V. Duff, the elections were unanimously passed by the Southern Division.

A proposal that George Willett, of Los Angeles, California, be elected an Honorary Member of the Cooper Ornithological Club, in recognition of his extensive service to the science of ornithology in western North America, especially through his studies and reports on the birds of Alaska and southern California, and through the essential part he plays in the organization of the Cooper Ornithological Club and the American Ornithologists' Union, was read. In keeping with provisions of the Constitution, action on this proposal will be taken at the August meetings of the Northern and Southern divisions.

Several interesting recent observations were reported. Ed Harrison told of seeing two Wood Ibises at Encinitas last Sunday. Dr. S. F. Wood made comments on the occurrence of the Water Ouzel in our local mountains. J. C. von Bloeker, Jr., reported that, while on a field trip with Dr. Adele Grant's ornithology class on July 26, a large nesting colony of Purple Martins was observed at the Balboa pavilion and a single Pectoral Sandpiper was seen on the mud flats at the entrance to the Bolsa Chica gun club. C. V. Duff told of a method of starling control, through rendering an area thoroughly unattractive to these obnoxious birds, which had been reported to him. Dr. L. A. Test reported the occurrence of Band-tailed Pigeons in flocks numbering from 10 to 60 individuals in the vicinity of Lindsay, California. He said that, because these birds had been reported to be doing damage to the olive crop, permission had been granted to some of the ranchers to destroy them and numbers of them have already been shot.

President Wood then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Frank G. Watson, of Long Beach, California, who spoke on "The White-tailed Kite, Its Nesting and Behavior." The subject was based on Mr. Watson's personal observation of these birds in the San Joaquin Valley and proved very enlightening, especially to those of us who have observed White-tailed Kites only on rare occasions or not at all.

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