

NOTES AND NEWS

Beginning with volume 46, the Condor has been printed on a somewhat glossy type of paper. Necessity for change to this stock resulted from unavailability of dull finish papers which we had used before. The new stock is nearly as heavy as that previously employed and should last as well as anything that can be obtained during the war period. Change to a cover of lighter yellow color in the March issue similarly was required by war-time limitations on the paper industry. Perhaps better than its avian counterpart, the Condor Magazine is a species able to adapt to a changing environment.—A.H.M.

We learn with deep regret of the death of Charles E. Hellmayr in Switzerland. He was Associate Curator of Birds in the Chicago Natural History Museum [Field Museum] (for portrait, see Condor, 44, 1942:234) and was known especially for his "Catalogue of Birds of the Americas."

At the Business Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club held in Los Angeles on April 6, 1944, approval was voted of transfer of the Club's library to the University of California at Los Angeles. Terms of the gift provide that Club members shall always have access to the library and further that the University will provide storage facilities for the back numbers of the Condor and other publications issued and still owned by the Club. This arrangement thus fortunately establishes a headquarters for this phase of the Club's interest in southern California.—A.H.M.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS
NORTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, January 27, 1944, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with Vice-president L. W. Taylor in the chair and 25 members and guests present. Names proposed for membership in the Club were: C. Faye Bennett (Mrs. Louis Jr.), 1736 S. College, Tulsa, Oklahoma, by Alden H. Miller; Mr. Don Bleitz, 5338 Hollywood Boulevard, Zone 27, Hollywood, California, and Mr. Donald Moore, 26 Prospect Drive, Redlands, California, both by Harold M. Hill. The report of the nominating committee was read by Alden H. Miller, for the chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Dean Sheldon. The committee proposed renomination of the present officers to serve for another year. There were no other nominations from the floor and it was moved and carried that the nominations be closed and the secretary instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. The officers for the

coming year remain: president, Robert C. Miller; vice-president, L. W. Taylor; corresponding secretary, Hilda W. Grinnell; recording secretary, Frances Carter.

Mr. C. A. Harwell reported briefly on a recent meeting of the State Division of Fish and Game. Such matters had been discussed as the depredations by ducks in the Imperial Valley and subsequent depredations by night hunters seeking the ducks after open season had been declared on Baldpate and Pintail.

As speaker of the evening, Mr. Malcolm T. Jollie told of "Experiences with Golden Eagles in Colorado." The climax of the evening's program was the presentation of "Smoky," the Golden Eagle which has become so well known on this campus. Although by no means the first eagle raised by Mr. Jollie, Smoky has the distinction of having been hatched in incubator and raised from the egg.

Adjourned.—FRANCES CARTER, *Recording Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, February 24, 1944, at 8:00 p.m. in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with President R. C. Miller in the chair and 46 members and guests present. Names proposed for membership in the Club were: Ruth B. Elwonger, 2121 Rose St., Berkeley 7, California, by Hilda W. Grinnell; Mrs. Harold F. Osborn (Florence C.), 4851 Harbord Drive, Oakland 11, California, and Mr. William A. Dill, California Division of Fish and Game, Fresno State College, Fresno 4, California, both by Alden H. Miller.

Mrs. Kelly reported a flock of 100 Avocets in Alameda on February 20 and a flock of Semipalmated Plover which has been present in Alameda all winter. Mr. Dixon reported a European Widgeon at Lake Merritt during the recent duck census.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Joseph S. Hunter of the California Fish and Game Commission, who discussed the "Duck and Rice Problem in the Sacramento Valley." Mr. Hunter opened his discussion with a brief survey of duck protection in California since 1852, when the first law protecting ducks was passed. Since 1917 the sale of ducks has been prohibited in California. Mr. Hunter believes that though many ducks feed on rice, it is not a good food for them. The principal damage to the rice is done by Pintails whereas the Baldpate is the species largely responsible for damage to alfalfa and lettuce.

Adjourned.—VINCENT MOWBRAY, *Acting Secretary*.