

## NOTES AND NEWS

Alexander Wetmore, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, has recently been elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

With reference to the recent effort to locate copies of McGregor's "Manual of Philippine Birds," Jean Delacour writes that he and Ernst Mayr are now finishing the manuscript of a handbook of the birds of the Philippines to be published by the Army, with a commercial edition by Macmillan. It is hoped that the Army edition will be printed this coming fall.

The Cooper Club Library and the reserve files the The Condor and Pacific Coast Avifauna have now been moved to the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles. W. Lee Chambers is currently occupied with the task of rearrangement.

James L. Peters, president of the American Ornithologists' Union, has been elected vice-president of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature to succeed the late C. W. Stiles. Mr. Peters formerly was assistant secretary of the Commission.

A report in the Natural History Museum Bulletin, San Diego, of April, 1945, states that the Laysan flightless rail, *Porzanula palmeri*, has become extinct. The species disappeared from Laysan Island some time ago but previously had been introduced on Midway Island. Now it is reported to have been exterminated there, although it was twice seen in 1944. Ornithologists in the Hawaiian Islands may well seek further information about this species to confirm or refute the complete disappearance of this interesting bird.

Publication of the significant research report by Albert Wolfson in this issue of The Condor is supported in part by subsidy.

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

## NORTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, February 22, 1945, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with 34 members and guests present and President W. I. Follett in the chair. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried that the following resolution be accepted:

WHEREAS, in the death of Amelia Sanborn Allen, on February 15, 1945, we of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club have lost a devoted friend and member, one who had served as our Secretary, our

President, and as a valued member of our Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, our chosen study of ornithology has lost an ardent and accomplished follower, whose oral contributions at our meetings and whose written communications in our magazine have added greatly to our interest in and knowledge of the birds of the San Francisco Bay region; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club, at our meeting in Berkeley, February 22, 1945, hereby record our deep sorrow at this loss which has come to students of birds, both within our Club and elsewhere; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we transmit to Professor James T. Allen a copy of these resolutions, and express to him our sympathy in the deeper sorrow which is his.

HILDA W. GRINNELL  
BESSIE W. KIBBE  
LEWIS W. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

Mr. W. A. Hicks reported, among other birds, a Spotted Owl about one mile southwest of Durham, Butte County, on February 7, and a Pigeon Hawk near Fairfield on February 18 which he approached to within twenty feet. Miss Hope Glading reported a Chestnut-backed Chickadee among some Bush-tits on February 18 in Wildcat Canyon, Contra Costa County.

The speaker, Dr. Hubert O. Jenkins, told of "Nesting Ospreys of Richards Grove State Park."

Adjourned.—ALICE S. MULFORD, *Recording Secretary.*

MARCH.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, March 22, 1945, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with President W. I. Follett in the chair and 35 members and guests present. The following proposals for membership were read: Miss Hedwig Bury, O. E. Bell Junior High School, Idaho Falls, Idaho, proposed by Hilda W. Grinnell; Mr. W. B. Minturn, 2840 Mariposa St., Fresno, California, by Jean M. Linsdale; Mr. George Kendall Todd, USS LST 663, Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, by William H. Behle.

President Follett told about Assembly Bill 89, introduced by Sam L. Collins, of Fullerton, Orange County, requesting 25-cent bounties on crows, and suggested that Cooper Club members should write to their assemblymen protesting it. Mr. Milton S. Ray moved that the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club protest Assembly Bill 89 and send the protest to the Lieutenant Governor as head of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, the Governor, and the Fish and Game Commission. The motion was duly seconded, discussed, and unanimously passed.

A letter from Mr. James T. Allen was read. Mrs. J. W. Kelly saw a Lutescent Warbler in Garber Park, Berkeley, March 11; a Pileolated Warbler in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.