

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.

March 18; Barn Swallows, two Hudsonian Curlews and many Dowitchers in Alameda, March 21; 1500 Black Brant and 500 Western Grebes at Tomales Bay, and Tree Swallows near Point Reyes Station, on March 8. Miss Ruth Elwonger saw a Cinnamon Teal in Berkeley Aquatic Park, March 11.

The speaker, Dr. Alden H. Miller, told of "First Impressions of Colombian Bird-life."

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

APRIL.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, April 26, 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 65 members and guests present.

Mrs. Vee K. Curtis, 11000 Broadway Terrace, Oakland 11, California, was proposed for membership by Junea W. Kelly. A letter from Mr. Emil J. Ott of the California Fish and Game Commission regarding Assembly Bill 89 was read. It contained a suggestion that the objections of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club be sent to Gardner Johnson, Assemblyman of Berkeley, and to Clyde Watson. Mrs. Grinnell said this had been done.

Mrs. Grinnell read a letter from Walter Hicks reporting a pair of Golden Eagles two miles from Orinda at the junction of Bear Creek and San Pablo Reservoir on April 12 and again two weeks later when they were chasing herons. An Osprey was seen fishing near the mouth of Bear Creek and on April 20 at the same place a White-tailed Kite was noted.

The program of the evening consisted of two speakers, each showing Kodachrome motion pictures. Miss Mulford told something about the Audubon Nature Camp in the Todd Wildlife Sanctuary on Hog Island in Muscongus Bay, Maine, and showed the official Audubon Nature Camp film illustrating the wildlife of the region and the activities of the camp. Dr. Russell T. Congdon showed his own film, "Wings—the Canyon Dwellers," illustrating some of the birds of eastern Washington State.

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

SOUTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was called to order by President Walter W. Bennett at 8 p.m., February 27, 1945, in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. The following names were proposed for membership: Edith Anna Applegate, 2209 Trenton St., Houston 10, Texas, by W. Lee Chambers; Stephen Thomas Bivins, 134th F. A. Bn., Btry. "C", North

Camp Hood, Texas, by W. Lee Chambers; Edwin D. Schreiber, Ganado Mission, Ganado, Arizona, by Mrs. N. Edward Ayer; Lt.-Col. Leonard A. Shelton, P. O. Box 545, Osborn, Ohio, by W. Lee Chambers; Vernon Thatcher, 210 Beatty St., Medford, Oregon, by John McB. Robertson, and William C. Vaughan, 80 Windermere Ave., Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, by Alden H. Miller.

It was moved by George Willett, seconded by Dorothy Groner and duly carried that the following resolution concerning the death of Mrs. Amelia Sanborn Allen be accepted as an expression of the Southern Division:

WHEREAS, through the death of Mrs. Amelia Sanborn Allen on February 15, 1945, the Cooper Ornithological Club has lost a member of many years' standing, a former President of the Northern Division, and a member of the Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Club in 1913, Mrs. Allen has contributed much to its success and prestige, not only by publishing frequent notes of scientific interest in *The Condor*, and cooperating whole-heartedly in the success of Club programs, but also by bringing the Club and its aims to the attention of outside individuals, groups and organizations, thereby adding the names of many worthy members to our roster; and

WHEREAS, her kindness, sincerity and gracious hospitality endeared her to all members of the Club who were privileged to know her;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club do hereby express our sorrow at the loss of our fellow member and friend, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the bereaved family, together with an expression of our sincere sympathy; and that another copy be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

George Willett gave a resumé of reports he had recently received concerning members now in the armed services and announced that Dr. Sherwin F. Wood had been awarded the bronze star in the battle of Saipan. The status of some of the bird islands of the Pacific was discussed.

Adjourned.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

APRIL.—The March meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was postponed to April 5, 1945; it was called to order at 8 p.m. by President Walter W. Bennett in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. The following names were proposed for membership: Ralph Albert Smith, Dept. Zoology, San Jose State College, San Jose, California, and Donald Sankey Farner, 4926 Cass Street, Omaha 3, Nebraska, both by W. Lee Chambers; and Merritt Gordon Vaiden, Rosedale, Mississippi, by John McB. Robertson.

The president announced that the annual Field Day would be held Sunday, April 29th. George Willett was appointed Program Chairman for the day with Mrs. Christine Kent and Mrs. Mary V. Hood assisting.

Telford H. Work, Albert J. Wool and Harold M. Hill showed their uncut reels of Kodachrome motion pictures depicting "Nesting Studies of Birds of Prey of California."

Adjourned.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.