

been prevented. It is therefore recommended that close cooperation be established between these agencies and those in charge of wildlife conservation.

It is a recognized fact that pressure of privilege-seeking individuals and groups, as well as the obligations and prejudices that may develop through long established social and commercial relationships, have a degrading influence on the administration of game laws. In order that those responsible for this administration may more ably withstand this pressure and influence, it would seem advisable to establish a program in which game wardens would not remain in charge of a particular area indefinitely.

Public opinion more than any other factor influences conservation. It has been noted in this investigation that when aware of the facts, the public is opposed to wasteful killing of wildlife. In view of misleading public information and refusal of officials to issue requested information pertinent to this case, it is recommended that factual and straight-forward replies to sincere requests for information be made mandatory and that any policy to hide in secrecy the issuing of special permits to kill game be abolished and information regarding these permits be made available to the public.

In conclusion it may be stated that what happened to the Band-tailed Pigeons in central California during 1949 was ample proof that only by careful management can this game bird survive long. Rules and regulations in themselves, as was proven in this case, are worth little as guarantee against such debacles. The only real assurance that such affairs will not be repeated is a firm and abiding realization on the part of those in charge of the conservation of our wildlife that such mismanagement will not be tolerated. On the date of this writing, June 25, 1949, the fields of grain and orchards laden with almonds stand in mute but final evidence of a colossal mistake.—IAN I. McMILLAN.

#### COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

##### NORTHERN DIVISION

MAY.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, May 26, 1949, at the University of California, Berkeley. The following proposals for membership were read: Mrs. Sarah E. Banning, 1810 Arch St., Berkeley 9, Calif., by Junea W. Kelly; Mrs. Lawrence T. Burgh, 305 Marion Apts., 1263 Oak St., Eugene, Ore., by

Gordon W. Gullion; Richard C. Harder, Box 136, Baldwin, Kan., by Chas. G. Sibley; Robert H. Jamieson, 761 West St., Reno, Nev., by Frank Richardson; Mrs. Milton S. Ray, 609 Arballo Drive, San Francisco 27, Calif., and Mayard Whitney Read, Upper Dogwood Lane, Rye, N. Y., by Alden H. Miller; Herbert Wong, 135 8th St., Oakland 7, Calif., by H. E. Childs, Jr.

Dr. Carlton M. Herman, of the California Division of Fish and Game, spoke on the "Current Status of our Knowledge of Disease in California Quail."—HOWARD L. COGSWELL, *Secretary*.

##### SOUTHERN DIVISION

MAY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held May 31, 1949, at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. The following names were proposed for membership: John J. Cleary, 2806 Glen Ave., Altadena, Calif., by Mary M. Erickson; Mrs. Constance S. Friesen, 1334 N. Euclid Ave., Upland, Calif., by Junea W. Kelly; J. E. Piercy, Denman Island, B.C., Canada, and Winifred S. Sabine, Deep Springs, Calif., by W. Lee Chambers; Richard M. Ritland, Dept. of Biology, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass., by John McB. Robertson; Grant K. Roth, 5445 Hillcrest Dr., Los Angeles 43, Calif., by A. H. Miller; Dorothy E. Sheffler, 4731 Angeles Vista Blvd., Los Angeles 43, Calif., by E. N. Harrison; Arnold Small, 1840 W. 11 Pl., Los Angeles 6, Calif., by K. E. Stager; Mrs. S. E. van Zandt, 1405 Grant St., Berkeley 3, Calif., by Edna Elden Williams; Cynthia Ainsworth, 244 St. Albans St., South Pasadena, Calif., Clowes M. Christie, 4719 Angeles Vista Blvd., Los Angeles 43, Calif., and Gerald B. Thomas, 5519 Ruthelen, Los Angeles 37, Calif., by W. J. Sheffler; Mrs. Ruth W. Cox, 418 S. Holt, Los Angeles 36, Calif., Charles W. Hamilton, 2304 Goldsmith, Houston 5, Texas, Eliza Mabel Kelley, 71 Division St., Newport, Rhode Island, S. Paul Lindau, 108 N. Harvard Blvd., Los Angeles 4, Calif., Miss Mildred McElroy, 404 Gladstone Blvd., Shreveport, La., Charles R. Shaw, Rt. 1, Fairfield Apts., Minden, La., Mrs. Paul M. Sullivan, 5281 Woodlake Ave., Woodland Hills, Calif., and David H. Thomson, Calif. State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, Calif., all by C. V. Duff.

V. D. Hale of Ducks Unlimited showed two colored sound-films depicting some of the Canadian marsh areas and one in Arkansas where much of their conservation work is being done.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.