

interested in them. They will be mailed post free upon request made to Albert C. Hawbecker, Fresno State College, Fresno 4, California.

The Cooper Ornithological Club will again participate in the summer meetings of the American Association for the Advance of Science, Pacific Division, to be held from June 19 to 24 at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City. Papers are scheduled for presentation at a session to be held jointly by the Club and the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society. Further details concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing Dr. William H. Behle, Department of Biology, University of Utah, who is acting as the Club's representative for the meeting.

Some months ago we appealed to you by letter for a contribution toward the printing of the Grayson paintings. To date our appeal has received heartening support both in dollars and in widespread interest in scientific, artistic and historic circles. The appearance of each colored plate has brought about an increase in interest.

We feel that many members have wanted to give but have hesitated to do so for lack of an answer to the question "How much should I give?" Individual gifts received so far have ranged up to sizable sums. Our objective is to raise in the aggregate an amount which will be commensurate with Grayson's paintings in the field of ornithology. The number of gifts obtained is as important to us as the size of each gift. If every member could give \$2.00 we could publish seven more plates. Won't you, therefore, join us in this important undertaking by sending us your gift? Your response will determine the number of plates to be printed in the future. Your help will be deeply appreciated.—C. V. DUFF, 1922 Tamarind Ave., Hollywood 28, California.

COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

JANUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the University of California, Berkeley, on January 5, 1950. The following proposals for membership were read: Curt Dietz, Box 1753, Stanford, Calif., and M. F. Vessel, San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif., by Charles G. Sibley; Melvin A. Traylor, Jr., Chicago Natural History Museum, Roosevelt Road and Field Drive, Chicago 5, Ill., by Alden H. Miller; Albert B. Ruffner, 1072 Trestle Glen, Oakland, Calif., by R. F. Johnston.

Alden H. Miller, reporting for the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for 1950: for president, Junea W. Kelly; for vice-presidents, Robert T. Orr and Charles G. Sibley; for secretary, Henry E. Childs, Jr. It was the feeling of the committee that the best interests of the Club would be served by the election of two vice-presidents. The nominees were then duly elected. A motion by Mr. Dunlap was passed expressing the appreciation of the Division to the retiring officers for their services during 1949.

Carl Koford reported that an application for the taking of young California Condors by the San Diego Zoo had been received by the California Fish and Game Commission. A lively discussion followed and on the motion of Mr. Cogswell, the Conservation Committee was instructed to write to various people expressing the Club's disapproval of this undertaking by the San Diego Zoo. "South Carolina Bird Life" by Sprunt and Chamberlain was reviewed briefly by Alden H. Miller. Charles Sibley described the effects of the recent high tides on the birds and mammals at the Alviso Marshes on December 17.

Robert C. Miller, Director of the California Academy of Sciences, spoke on "Wildlife and Conservation Problems in New Zealand."—HENRY E. CHILDS, JR., *Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the University of California, Berkeley, on February 2, 1950. The following were proposed for membership: Grace B. Kelly, 1438 Hawthorne Terrace, Berkeley, Calif., a sustaining member, by Charles G. Sibley; Mrs. Oscar McAllister, 129 York Drive, Piedmont 11, Calif., by Mrs. Dunlap; Richard D. Porter, 3130 Ogden Ave., Ogden, Utah, by W. H. Behle; Helmut C. Mueller, 2756 N. Palmer St., Milwaukee 12, Wis., and Robert G. McKenzie, 933 Jefferson St., Quincy, Ill., by A. H. Miller.

The secretary reported that the Point Lobos League requested aid in obtaining a tract of land at the Salinas River mouth for a state park; the matter was referred to the Natural Resources Committee. Junea W. Kelly reviewed "Shore and Marsh" by H. M. Quick.

Lois C. Taylor reported seeing a Condor near Lebec on December 27. Mr. Cogswell saw one there on January 29. He also reported 600 Whistling Swans and 800 Sandhill Cranes between Lodi and Isleton on January 22.

Frank A. Pitelka spoke on "Speciation in Dowitchers."—HENRY E. CHILDS, JR., *Secretary*.