

NOTES AND NEWS

The colored frontispiece, portraying the Thrush-tanager (*Rhodinocichla rosea*), is the ninth in the series of paintings by Andrew Jackson published in *The Condor*. The Thrush-tanager occurs in the tropics of the west Mexican coast from Sinaloa, where Grayson knew it, to Colima. Like a number of other Middle American birds, it has a strikingly discontinuous distribution and occurs again from Costa Rica into northwestern South America. Also, as a member of a monotypic genus of doubtful familial position, the Thrush-tanager has long been of special interest. It was first placed among the non-oscine passerines (Furnariidae), then among the ten-primaried oscines (Troglodytidae, Mimidae), and more recently in the section of nine-primaried oscines, where it has been put in the families Parulidae (Ridgway) and Thraupidae (H. L. Clark, Hellmayr). Good observations on behavior of the Thrush-tanager might prove significant in the problem of its relationships.

COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

GOVERNORS' MEETING

The 25th annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at Asilomar, California, April 14, 1950. President Ed N. Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with the following members present: Henry E. Childs, Jr., Howard L. Cogswell, Keith L. Dixon, C. V. Duff, Wilson C. Hanna, Ed N. Harrison, Hildegard Howard, Junea W. Kelly, Jean M. Linsdale, Alden H. Miller, I. D. Nokes, Robert T. Orr, J. R. Pemberton, Sidney B. Peyton, W. J. Sheffler, Charles G. Sibley, and Kenneth E. Stager. Guests present were: Lois C. Taylor and Stanley G. Jewett.

Minutes of the 24th meeting were read and approved. The report of the business manager was submitted by C. V. Duff. The report noted that the recovery of delinquent dues has been very good and stressed the need for an increase in the endowment fund and in membership. The report was accepted following a motion by Miller, seconded by Pemberton. On a motion by Sheffler, seconded by Childs, the investment of funds was left to the business managers.

A motion by Pemberton, seconded by Hanna, authorized the business managers to dispose of any bequeathed property of the Club providing sale to Club members be given first preference.

The report of the Auditing Committee was submitted by Sherwin F. Wood, indicating that the accounts and securities of the Club were in order. This report was accepted on motion of Pemberton, seconded by Nokes. The motion also stated that the Auditing Committee was to be thanked for its aid and was to be asked to continue serving.

After a short discussion of the threat to the San Jacinto Primitive Area, a motion by Nokes, seconded by Miller, resulted in issuance of a letter of authority to a committee of the Southern Division to represent the Club as a whole at the hearing.

The report of the Editor was submitted and considerable discussion relative to Club publications followed. The appointment of K. L. Dixon and H. L. Cogswell as assistant editors was announced. Miller noted the large increase in material for publication, stating that a backlog of six months existed at present and that this was not to be desired. Costs for the *Condor* are about the same as those of last year.

A discussion of the Avifauna series showed that the first Mexican Check-list of 200 pages is now in galley proof and that the fifth ten-year index prepared by Linsdale is ready for publication. Two shorter manuscripts were discussed and the possibility presented of publishing them in the *Condor* by using Avifauna funds to float enlarged issues of the *Condor*. On a motion by Pemberton, seconded by Childs, the editor was authorized to draw upon Avifauna funds for this purpose. A motion by Howard, seconded by Kelly, accepted the report of the editors.

An invitation from members in the Stockton area to hold the next annual meeting in that city was discussed, and a motion by Sheffler, seconded by Nokes, authorized the chair to appoint a committee to consider the location of the meeting in 1951. This committee is to report to and advise the Board of Directors.

A motion by Duff, seconded by Pemberton, re-elected the present officers to serve for the following year: President, Ed N. Harrison; Vice-President, Frank A. Pitelka; Secretary, Kenneth E. Stager; Editor, Alden H. Miller.—KENNETH E. STAGER, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithologi-