

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-

cal Club was held February 28, 1950, at the University of Southern California, with 56 members and guests present. The following names were proposed for membership: Bernard William Caselman, 462 S. Elm Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif., by Wade Fox, Jr.; Donald Milas Held, University of California, Davis, Calif., by Wilbur W. Mayhew; Mrs. Nancy M. Merkel, 125 W. Micheltorena St., Santa Barbara, Calif., by Mary M. Erickson; D. Robertson, Jr., Endiang, Alberta, Canada, by Sidney B. Peyton; George Tréichel, 1218 E. Townsend St., Milwaukee 12, Wis., by John McB. Robertson; Bernard Neil Dickinson, 554 Oak Park Way, Redwood City, Calif., and Mrs. Neil H. Lewis, 212 N. Wilton Pl., Los Angeles 4, Calif., by C. V. Duff.

A letter from the Secretary of the Northern Division was read stating that Dr. William H. Behle would represent the Club at the meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held at Salt Lake City, June 19-24, 1950.

The speaker, Dr. George Bartholomew, discussed some new concepts of bird behavior.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

MARCH.—A special meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held March 15, 1950, at the University of Southern California, with 82 members and guests present. The following names were proposed for membership: Ray Albright, Rt. 1, Dayton, Ore., by Alex Walker; 1st-Lt. Karl W. Haller, A.O.-864839, Det. B, 1100th U.S.A.F., S.R.G., P.O. Box 5500, Albuquerque, New Mex., by W. Lee Chambers; George W. Peterson, Box 725, Nogales, Ariz., by John T. Wright; Gretchen Sibley, Baldwin Hills Village, 5156 Rodeo Rd., Los Angeles 16, Calif., by Hildegard Howard; Harry C. Greene, 2870 Somerset, San Marino, Calif., by Wade Fox, Jr.; Antonio Gamero, 1232½ N. Gower St., Los Angeles 38, Calif., Mrs. Oliver C. Field, 1600 Espinosa Circle, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., and Mrs. Garthwaite Hinds, 1431 Beech St., So. Pasadena, Calif., by C. V. Duff.

Excerpts from a letter received from the League of Ohio Sportsmen was read, which called attention to a proposal to create the Columbia Valley Authority Administration in the guise of conservation legislation. The CVA bills, S-1645 and HR-4286, are the first move in a program to create "Authorities" in nine great river valleys of this nation, including the California Valley Authority. Each of these authorities is to be administered by three members having sweep-

ing dictatorial powers over the use of the area's land, water, forests and wildlife, and from which powers (even greater than those of the President of the United States), there would be no right of appeal. Active opposition to these bills was urged.

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson described personal experiences on bird islands off the coast of Alaska.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

APRIL.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held April 25, 1950, at the University of Southern California with 80 members and guests present. The following names were proposed for membership: Robert Hutchison, 1719 Marine St., Boulder, Colo., by Sidney B. Peyton, and Owen A. Knorr, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo., by Mary M. Erickson.

Harold M. Hill called attention to the large number of water-fowl which winter on the terminal reservoir of the Colorado River aqueduct, known as Lake Matthews, which is the largest body of fresh water at this time in southern California. Efforts are being made by sportsmen to open the area to fishing, and Dr. Hill urged that interested groups unite to form some policy for the protection of the wintering birds.

Harold M. Hill showed a motion picture entitled "Mexico's California," taken in 1946, for the Natural History Museum of Stanford University.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the University of California, Berkeley, on March 9, 1950. Forty members and guests were present. The following were proposed for membership: Horace H. Jeter, 4534 Fairfield Ave., Shreveport, La., and Fred L. Jones, 1175 E. Eighth Street, Chico, Calif., by Frank A. Pitelka; Max W. Averitt, 422 East St. John St., San Jose, Calif., by J. M. Linsdale; Alice M. Oliphant, Bacteriology Dept., University of California, Berkeley, Calif., by Hilda W. Grinnell.

Mrs. Austin, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources, reported that the Point Lobos League had made a good start in raising funds for a state park at Carmel. Kent Carnie announced the formation of the Bay Chapter of the Western Bird Banding Association.

Dr. Leopold introduced Dr. Robert McCabe, who spoke on "Ecological Studies on the Alder Flycatcher."—H. E. CHILDS, JR., *Secretary*.