

NOTES AND NEWS



W. Lee Chambers in his Cooper Club office and library at his home in Eagle Rock in the late 1920's.

The members of The Cooper Ornithological Club are pleased to dedicate this special issue of *The Condor* to W. Lee Chambers.

For nearly fifty years he has devoted much of his time to the affairs of the Club with such friendliness, optimism, and tenacity of purpose that the business interests of the Club and its journal have been personified in Lee Chambers. The favorable financial position of the Club today together with its large membership is a high tribute to his intensive efforts.

We trust that his time of inactivity will be lightened for him by the recollection of the many friends he has made and the inspiring record of service he has set through the years.

The value of his faithful labor is known to all who read *The Condor* and it is with great pleasure that we dedicate this issue to "Mr. Cooper Club," W. Lee Chambers.—C. V. DUFF.

The painting by Allan Brooks reproduced in this issue has kindly been made available by its owner, Oliver N. Wells of Sardis, British Columbia. It has not been published heretofore. Captioned "Warden of the Arctic," it depicts a

Gyr Falcon (*Falco rusticolus*) on the tundra of an arctic sea coast. The painting was made in 1926 for the Brooks home and remained there until 1946.

The Proceedings of the Tenth International Ornithological Congress held in Uppsala, in June 1950, is now available for purchase from Professor Sven Hörstadius, Zoologiska Institutionen, Uppsala, Sweden. Book dealers may order it from Almqvist and Wiksell, Uppsala, Sweden. The price is 35 Swedish crowns (\$6.75 U. S.).

The volume covers the proceedings of the Congress, and some 83 papers presented before the meetings under four main headings: Evolution and Systematics, Migration and Orientation, Behavior, and Regional Faunas. The book is paper bound, in attractive form, with 662 pages (531 in English, 28 in French, 93 in German), 1 color plate, 30 photographs, 125 maps and diagrams, and 46 tables. The edition includes only copies for the members of the Congress and a small number in addition for sale. Those interested in purchasing should order without delay as the number available is limited.

Through an unfortunate error, the recent membership list of the Cooper Ornithological Club incorrectly indicated the year in which William B. Sampson joined the organization. The year should be 1894, as correctly stated at the time Mr. Sampson's photograph was presented in 1948 (*Condor*, 50:136). It is a pleasure to acknowledge his membership of 58 years' standing, a period equaled or exceeded by only three others among our current members.

Howard L. Cogswell has taken a position as Assistant Professor in the Biology Department at Mills College, Oakland, California, and Keith L. Dixon has joined the staff of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, as Assistant Professor, at Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station, Texas. Both men have served skillfully and faithfully as Assistant Editors of the *Condor*.

COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

JUNE.—The monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on June 5 at the University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership: Enid A. Larson, Carmel, Calif., by Jean M. Linsdale; Carlyle Sather, San Francisco, Calif., by Junea W. Kelly; Larry E. Chapman, Oakland, Calif., by C. V. Duff; Mrs. John Brecher, Berkeley, Calif., by Robert I. Bowman; Robert Winter, Fresno, Calif., by Henry Childs; Sterling Bunnell, Jr., San Francisco, Calif., by R. T. Orr. The following names were unanimously approved for honorary membership in the Club: Walter K. Fisher and Clark P. Streater. Dr. Alden H. Miller announced that the Cooper Ornithological Club is being asked to participate in the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held in the San Francisco Bay area in 1954.

Mr. Wilbur W. Mayhew, Division of Zoology, University of California at Davis, spoke on the nesting habits of the Cliff Swallow in central California.—ROBERT I. BOWMAN, *Secretary*.

GOVERNORS' MEETING

The twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in the California Room of the Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, California, on

May 9, 1952. President Frank A. Pitelka called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with the following members present: Robert I. Bowman, Herbert L. Coggins, Keith L. Dixon, C. V. Duff, Wade Fox, Junea W. Kelly, Eric C. Kinsey, Jean M. Linsdale, Alden H. Miller, Robert C. Miller, Robert T. Orr, J. R. Pemberton, Frank A. Pitelka, Eric Reynolds, Charles G. Sibley, and Kenneth E. Stager. Guests present were: Hilda Grinnell, Lois Taylor, and Robert W. Storer.

The report of the Business Manager was submitted by Mr. C. V. Duff. Some of the points noted were as follows: The Avifauna Fund contains a balance of \$236.90; the Grayson Plate Fund, \$99.92. Net Avifauna sales for the past year were \$1,446.57 and sales of back issues of the *Condor* totalled \$904.15. The present total membership is 1432 and the total *Condor* circulation (members plus subscriptions) is 1710. There are 184 sustaining memberships.

Mr. Duff reported for the Auditing Committee. Sherwin F. Wood and Vernon Barret, who had checked the stock held by the Club, were the members of the committee. Mr. Kinsey moved that the Governors request the Directors to give consideration to the employment of an auditing firm at a cost not to exceed \$150.00 per annum, said firm to render a monthly statement to the Business Manager and the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pemberton and unanimously passed.

The report of the Editors for 1951 was presented by Dr. Miller. For 1951 the *Condor* published 320 pages, an increase of 32 pages over 1950. In 1952 a volume of the same size is anticipated with two special issues: (1) The January-February issue containing Williams' Brewer Blackbird paper and (2) later in the year the issue honoring Mr. W. Lee Chambers. Seventeen Grayson plates have been printed to date and in 1951 the printing of exceptionally good bird photographs was started. More of these are needed. The aid of editors' wives and the help of Richard Johnston and Lois Taylor was acknowledged.

Dr. Miller read a letter from Sidney B. Peyton submitting his resignation as Treasurer. Mr. Duff moved that the Board of Governors accept the resignation and thank Mr. Peyton for his services as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kinsey and unanimously passed.

Mr. Duff moved that the present officers of the Board of Governors be re-elected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pemberton and unanimously passed.—CHARLES G. SIBLEY, *Secretary*.