

## NOTES AND NEWS

The Board of Directors of the Cooper Ornithological Society took action to vacate the annual scientific meeting of the Society in 1953 in view of the meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Los Angeles in late October of this year. Instead the Cooper Society will have a half-day program of papers in connection with the meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Santa Barbara, California, on June 20, 1953. The annual business meeting of the Cooper Society will be held at the time of the April meeting of the Southern Division.

The bird-banding office of the Fish and Wildlife Service recently has issued a directive restricting, except by special dispensation, the placement of colored bands or other special markers on migratory birds as well as limiting the way in which a person captures birds for marking. The importance of colored banding in addition to numbered banding is very great, and this procedure as well as others mentioned in the directive, as research tools, seem unduly subjected to control by the new regulations of this government agency. What worries many of us is that research devices and innovations seem to require advance clearance by a government official. We like to see ingenuity and originality in research given full freedom. The situation is, however, neither as simple nor as restrictive as it might at first seem. As Mr. Seth H. Low of the Fish and Wildlife Service has explained to us, real confusion has arisen from indiscriminate use of markers on species being studied by many persons. Perhaps the Service has gone too far in establishing a general limitation to correct a few specific trouble spots. But it is important to announce that the attitude of Mr. Low and his group is one of readiness to receive and act understandingly on requests for special provisions of banding permits to liberalize procedures for individual workers. This channel of appeal should be freely used as need arises.—ALDEN H. MILLER.

## COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

## NORTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on October 2, 1952, at the University of California, Berkeley. Memberships proposed were: Edward R. FitzSimmons, 1414 Bonita, Berkeley 9, Calif., by George Piterneck; Vester

Montgomery, 1302 N. Linn, Roswell, N. M., and James S. Jardine, 18459 Lake Chabot Rd., Castro Valley, Calif., by R. F. Johnston.

Dr. A. Starker Leopold gave an illustrated account of "An Airplane Survey of Wintering Waterfowl in Mexico."—LOIS C. TAYLOR, *Acting Secretary*.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on October 28, 1952, at the Robert T. Moore Zoological Laboratory, Occidental College, Los Angeles. The following names were proposed for membership: John Crosby, Jr., Gardnerville, Nev., by Frank Richardson; Miss Nina McDonald, 4004 Via Solano, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., by J. R. Pemberton; Alfred E. Perry, Box 658, College Place, Wash., by Ernest S. Booth; Robert J. Newman, 312 W. Roosevelt St., Baton Rouge, La., and Keith A. Trexler, 64 Vaquero Rd., Arcadia, Calif., by C. G. Sibley; Tom Keck Scott, Rm. 102 Clark Hall, Pomona College, Claremont, Calif., and Danforth E. White, Div. Natural Sciences, Humboldt State College, Arcata, Calif., by J. C. von Bloeker, Jr.; John William Hamilton Anderson, "Roukenglen" 381 Musgrave Rd., Durban Natal, So. Africa, John L. Blackford, Libby, Montana, Wilmot W. Brown, % Hotel Mexico, Chilpancingo, Guerrero, Mexico, William C. Dilger, Lab. of Ornithology, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., Mr. Willy Friling, 140 Chaussée de Malines, Antwerp, Belgium, Grace E. Barstow Murphy, "Briarles" Old Field, Setaulret, L. I., N.Y., Calvin Ragan, P. O. Box 7, Bell, Calif., Lt. Colonel Niall Rankin, F.R.G.S., House of Treshnish, Calgary, Isle of Mull, Scotland, Mrs. Harry Romig, 351 Alma Real Dr., Pacific Palisades, Calif., Harold Arthur Schmidt, 317 E. El Segundo Blvd., Los Angeles 61, Calif., Carl H. Svane, Frederikssundevej, 168 Brønshøj, Denmark, and Francis S. L. Williamson, 475 McAuley St., Oakland, Calif., all by C. V. Duff.

Dr. Robert T. Moore welcomed the Southern Division to the Moore Laboratory and showed a short film on "The Bird Life and Ascent of Mt. Chimborazo, Ecuador." Dr. John Davis discussed the work of the four leading contemporary bird collectors of Mexico. The meeting then adjourned to view a portion of the collection of 56,000 birds housed at the laboratory.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.