

## NOTES AND NEWS

Members of the Cooper Ornithological Society are reminded of the forthcoming annual meeting, April 22 to 24, 1954, at Tucson, Arizona. A call for papers will soon be issued by the local committee.

Because the study of birds brought much pleasure to the wife of a Pasadena philanthropist during the ill health of her later years, bird students of southern California will benefit from a \$75,000 fund to be established at the University of California at Los Angeles in her memory. The gift is from the estate of the late Scott Brown and will be known as the Lida Scott Brown Fund.

The provisions of the estate are that "the income from said fund shall be used annually, under the direction of the department in which the ornithological work is given at the University of California at Los Angeles, to provide, through the facilities of the university or through individuals or organizations outside the university, the best opportunity or opportunities, in the judgment of the directing person or board of said department, for the furtherance of the knowledge of birds in people who are already interested in bird study and in those who might be interested if introduced to the subject in a favorable way." The fund will be administered by the zoology department at Los Angeles. Tentative plans call for annual lectures by prominent ornithologists and preparation and dissemination of literature on the subject.

Mrs. Brown first became interested in bird study, some years before her death in 1943, when she was a member of the Cooper Ornithological Society and the Western Bird Banding Association. Members of these organizations remember her for her intense, scholarly interest in birds.

The Eleventh International Ornithological Congress at Basel, Switzerland, will meet from May 29 to June 5, 1954. Field excursions are scheduled before and after the Congress. The International Committee for Bird Preservation will hold its Ninth International Conference, prior to the Congress, at Scans, Switzerland, May 23 to 28.

## COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

**MAY.**—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society

was held on May 26, 1953, at the University of Southern California. The following names were proposed for membership: Hal Armitage, 447 S. Mariposa, Apt. 2, Los Angeles 5, Calif., by C. J. Parker; Henry R. Davis, 418 Floral Park Terrace, South Pasadena, Calif., by J. R. Pemberton; Dr. F. J. Appelman, Rotterdam Zoo, Blijdorp, Holland, Dr. William G. Baldwin, Box 1077, Quincy, Wash., Mrs. Anna May Ewing, 2352 Delaware Court, Tulsa, Okla., Robert L. Haines, 54 E. Main St., Moorestown, N. J., Joseph G. Hurley, 241 W. Stocker, Glendale, Calif., Jack Neville, 152 Peck Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif., and Dr. Abelardo Moreno, Museo Poey, Catedro "U" Escuela de Ciencias, Universidad de La Habana, La Habana, Cuba, all by C. V. Duff.

Thomas R. Howell reviewed the new bird guide, "Birds of Mexico," by Emmett R. Blake.

James N. Bartel reported that in May, 1953, a pair of House Finches had hatched two young birds in a nest built in the hood of a Ford panel truck operating at the Pomona Division of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation. This truck had made several trips covering more than one hundred miles over a period of several weeks. The hood had been raised and lowered for servicing of the engine without dislodging the nest. Despite the precarious site, two birds were fledged.

"Out of the North," a colored sound motion picture, was shown through the courtesy of Ducks Unlimited and J. R. Pemberton.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

**SEPTEMBER.**—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division was held on September 29, 1953, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Florence Carey Chamberlain, 4255 Lowell Dr., Des Moines 12, Ia., by Junea W. Kelly; Sanger Hedrick, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 43, Simi, Calif., by J. S. Appleton; Oliver H. Hewitt, Fernow Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., by Charles G. Sibley; Gordon L. Wall, 1427 Trujillo Rd., S.W., Albuquerque, N.M., by A. H. Miller; Gerald Collier, 3634 No. Muscatel Ave., Rosemead, Calif., and Russell B. Mapes, 1112-D Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, Calif., both by T. R. Howell; G. F. Bodman, 105 Seymour St., Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada, Joel T. Hedgpeth, 1201 29th Ave., San Francisco 22, Calif., Mr. Alexander Horn, Westdeutsche Bibliothek, Spiegelgasse 9, Wiesbaden, Germany (U.S. Zone), John M.