

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.

Kern, 367 Cerro Romauldo Ave., San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Dr. H. O. Wagner, % Museum für Natur, Volker- und Handelskunde, Bahnhofplatz, Bremen, Germany, all by J. C. von Bloeker, Jr.; Carl Berryman, 128 West Euclid Ave., Stockton 4, Calif., Mrs. Robert V. D. Booth, 1085 Bank St., Painesville, Ohio, Donald M. Bradburn, 461 Pine St., New Orleans, La., Edward von Siebold Dingle, Middleburg Plantation, Huger, S.C., Ernest P. Edwards, Camp Detrick, Frederick, Md., Frederick M. Helleiner, Box 3, Grande Prairie, Alberta Chester L. McAlexander, Star Route, Huntingdon, Tenn., Stanley J. D. Oswald, 260 Wellington Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Don Smith Prentice, 1529 5th Ave., Los Angeles 19, Calif., Mrs. L. O. Waldorf, 1514 Le Roy Ave., Berkeley, Calif., and S. B. Young, M.D., Shaughnessy Hospital, Vancouver, B.C., all by C. V. Duff.

Chester C. Lamb was proposed for Honorary Membership by John Davis, Jean M. Linsdale, Alden H. Miller and Loye Miller.

A communication from R. L. Pyle was read announcing publication of his booklet "Annotated Field List of the Birds of Southern California," in which are listed all species that occur in southern California, showing graphically which months they are present and giving an indication of the ease with which they may be found.

"Birds of Guadalupe Island" was the subject of the speaker, Thomas R. Howell.—GRETCHEN SIBLEY, *Acting Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

SEPTEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on September 3, 1953, at the University of California, Berkeley.

In place of a guest speaker, the meeting was turned over to a discussion of recent literature and field observations.

Reviews of literature were given as follows: Robert K. Selander reviewed Blake's "Birds of Mexico." Mrs. J. W. Kelly mentioned a recent issue of Leaflets of Western Botany commemorating the centennial of the California Academy of Sciences. Alden H. Miller gave a preview of a forthcoming Avifauna which will feature 40 life history studies of Central American birds by Alexander Skutch. Robert T. Orr reviewed Bent's "Life Histories of North American Wood Warblers," Macworth-Praed's and Grant's "The African Handbook of Birds, Volume 1," and Hachisuka's "The Dodo and Kindred Birds."

Among field observations reported were the following: Robert T. Orr recorded a Black-

and-White Warbler found dead at the California Academy of Sciences on August 31. Louis A. Elmore described a nest of the Hooded Oriole in a palm tree in Berkeley on April 26; young were being fed a month later. Kenneth Schulz saw Cowbirds commonly this summer at Yosemite Park and four Fulvous Tree-ducks near Rush Creek Checking Station, Mono Lake, on June 24. Sterling Bunnell told of his recent visit to Argentina and showed several colored slides depicting various bird species and habitats.—ROBERT K. SELANDER, *Secretary*.

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on October 1, 1953, at the University of California, Berkeley.

The following observations were reported: one female American Redstart in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, on September 19, by Florence Plymell; three Pectoral Sandpipers, three Stilt Sandpipers, and one Pomerine Jaeger at Bay Farm Island, Alameda, on September 23, by Junea W. Kelly; six Wilson Phalaropes at Bay Farm Island on September 6 and one Waterthrush at Dymond Canyon, Oakland, on September 10 by Kenneth Schulz.

The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, whose topic was "Birding in South America, without a handbook."—ROBERT I. BOWMAN, *Acting Secretary*.

NOVEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on November 5, 1953, at the University of California, Berkeley.

Final reading was given to the proposal of Chester C. Lamb for Honorary Membership and election was ordered by an unanimous vote. The following proposals for membership were read: Mr. Hal M. Boeker, Fort Collins, Colo., by Alden H. Miller; Miss Ailene E. Bonestall, Berkeley, Calif., by Robert I. Bowman. Mrs. Junea W. Kelly proposed Mrs. Kathlene Skelton of New York City for Life Membership.

Robert T. Orr reviewed "The Land Birds of America" by Murphy and Amadon, calling attention to the numerous reproductions in color and black and white of the outstanding photographs of many famous bird photographers. Joe Hall called the attention of members to a new book entitled "Round River" which contains hitherto unpublished notes of the late Aldo Leopold.

The speaker of the evening was David W. Johnston whose talk was entitled "In Quest of the California Gull at Mono Lake."—ROBERT I. BOWMAN, *Acting Secretary*.