

NOTES AND NEWS

In conjunction with the AAAS meetings to be held in Berkeley, California, from December 26 to 31, 1954, the Cooper Ornithological Society will sponsor a session for the presentation of scientific papers. Those interested in contributing and wishing to apply for time on the program should write to the chairman of the committee in charge of planning, Dr. Robert T. Orr, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California.

At the summer meetings of the Western Division of the AAAS, a program of papers on birds and mammals was co-sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society and the Cooper Ornithological Society. The meeting occurred on June 22, 1954, at the State College of Washington, Pullman, Washington. Papers dealing with birds were presented by George E. Hudson, Donald S. Farner, and Robert C. Miller.

A geographic tally of the membership list published in this issue shows that the Cooper Ornithological Society is represented in all states and territories of the United States and in 34 foreign countries. The percentage distribution of the 1502 members listed is as follows: California, 44.8 per cent; states east of the Mississippi, 26.8 per cent; other states west of the Mississippi together with Alaska and Hawaii, 20.6 per cent; Canada, 3.4 per cent; European countries, 1.7 per cent; Latin American countries, Africa, India, China, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand, 2.7 per cent.

Changes of address should be sent to Mr. Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr., the Society's Advertising and Circulation Manager.

We report with regret the death on June 11, 1954, of Harry Harris, a member of the Cooper Ornithological Society since 1911 and elected to Honorary Membership in 1950. He will be remembered particularly for his monographic paper on the California Condor in which information on this species available to 1900 was reviewed and for his biography of Robert Ridgway. These papers appeared in the Condor, in 1941 and 1928, respectively. Earlier, Harris studied birds near Kansas City, Missouri, and his "Birds of the Kansas City Region" was published in 1919 by the Academy of Science of St. Louis.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

ANNUAL MEETING

The Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, April 22-24, 1954. The meetings were opened by addresses of welcome from local civic and university officers and by a response from J. R. Pemberton, President of the Board of Directors.

The following scientific papers were presented on April 22nd:

Variations in Bird Populations in the Lower Colorado Valley, by Gale Monson (read by A. R. Phillips); Ecology of the Birds of Utah, a Summary, by A. M. Woodbury; Winter Birdlife of the Black Mesa Country of Oklahoma, by G. M. Sutton; Defense versus Exclusiveness in the Definition of Territory, by F. A. Pitelka; The Birds of the Sierra del Carmen, Coahuila, by A. H. Miller; The Birds of Guadalupe Island, Baja California, by T. R. Howell and Tom Cade; Interspecific Competition in Owls of the Genus *Otus*, by J. T. Marshall, Jr.; Safety in Numbers, by John Davis; Warbler Migration in the Southwest, a symposium with J. T. Marshall, Jr., A. H. Miller, and A. R. Phillips as participants.

On Thursday evening, motion pictures entitled "Wings over the Mangroves" and "Phantom of the Marshes" were shown by Bayard W. Read.

The following scientific papers were presented on April 23rd: Pleistocene Birds from the Mohave Desert Region of California, by Hildegard Howard; Daily Observations of the Intimate Happenings as an Anna Hummingbird Raises Her Family, by Junea W. Kelly; The Relation of Breeding Biology to Climate in Song Sparrows of the Pacific Coast, by R. F. Johnston; Observations on the Hoary Redpoll at Umiat, Alaska, by P. H. Baldwin; The Breeding Season in Relation to Insect Abundance at Point Barrow, Alaska, by F. A. Pitelka; The Biology of Some *Aimophila* Sparrows, by A. R. Phillips; Remarks and Observations on the Water Fowl (Anatidae), by Jean Delacour; Will Another Anatid Establish Itself in Southeastern Arizona?, by L. L. Hargrave; Birds, Beasts and the Rainbow, a motion picture presented by E. R. Kalmbach; A Boat Trip through the Grand Canyon, a motion picture presented by Tad Nichols.

On Friday evening, J. R. Pemberton presided as master of ceremonies at the annual banquet. The evening was concluded with a motion pic-

ture, "African Safari," presented by Ed N. Harrison and Frances Roberts.

On Saturday, field trips were conducted to the Santa Rita and Santa Catalina mountain ranges near Tucson.

An exhibit of bird paintings and photographs was held on the University of Arizona campus during the meeting. Contributing artists and photographers were Jacob Bates Abbott, Don Bleitz, James B. Dixon, Ralph E. Dixon, Don Eckelberry, James M. Gates, Erle D. Morton, Eliot Porter, Ray Quigley, George M. Sutton, Dale T. Wood, and Dora Wright.

This annual meeting was sponsored by the University of Arizona, Tucson Natural History Society, and Tucson Audubon Society, under the leadership of a local committee of which Dr. Allan R. Phillips was chairman.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The first session of the annual business meeting of the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society (a corporation) was called to order by President J. R. Pemberton in the Liberal Arts Building, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, at 10:15 a.m., Thursday, April 22, 1954.

The minutes of the meeting of 1953 were read and approved. The following committees were appointed:

Committee to Examine Proxies: John Davis, William R. Fish, and Earle R. Greene; Committee on Nominations: Junea W. Kelly, Frances F. Roberts, and Anders H. Anderson.

The following proposals for membership were read: Russell R. Hoffman, Box 825-A, Kodiak, Alaska, by C. V. Duff; Nicholas V. Karstens, 460 Palmer Road, Las Cruces, N. M., by Edmund C. Jaeger; William R. Hawkins, 1928 N. Burkett Road, El Monte, Calif., and Mrs. Irene Neeper, 6908 Hazeltine Ave., Van Nuys, Calif., both by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.

The meeting was then adjourned until April 23.

The second session of the annual business meeting was called to order by President J. R. Pemberton at the same place at 10:20 a.m., Friday, April 23, 1954. John Davis, chairman of the proxy committee, reported 62 members present in person and proxies for 786, of a total membership of 1510. A quorum was declared present. Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, reporting for the Nominating Committee, presented the following names for nomination to the Board of Directors: John Davis, C. V. Duff, Ed N. Harrison, Thomas R. Howell, Alden H. Miller, J. R. Pemberton, Frank A. Pitelka, William J. Sheffler, and Jack C. von

Bloeker, Jr. Mr. Pemberton called for further nominations from the floor. There were none. Sherwin F. Wood moved that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of the election of the entire slate of the nominated directors. The motion was seconded by Allan R. Phillips and unanimously passed.

Mr. C. V. Duff, Business Manager, presented a report on the financial condition of the Society. Membership in the Society is at an all time high. Investment of funds under the supervision of the Investment Committee has resulted in a significant increase in the Society's funds. [An annual financial statement appears on pages 171-172 of the May-June issue.]

Dr. Alden H. Miller presented a resolution on behalf of the members of the Society thanking the local committee, the University of Arizona, and certain non-members, for their efforts in planning and arranging for the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting. Dr. Miller moved that this resolution be adopted by the Society. The motion was seconded by Ed N. Harrison and unanimously passed.

Dr. Allan R. Phillips presented a resolution that the Cooper Ornithological Society go on record as approving recent efforts made to save the Everglades Kite in Florida, with special recognition of the work of the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission in this regard. Dr. Phillips moved that the Society adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded by Alden H. Miller and unanimously passed. Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.—JOHN DAVIS, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on February 4, 1954, at the University of California, Berkeley. Miss Lillian M. Stockwell, 1114 Bay Street, Alameda, California, was proposed for membership by Junea W. Kelly.

President Reynolds passed among the members a letter written by Senator Dawson to the House of Representatives setting forth certain arguments for the construction of a dam in the Dinosaur National Monument. Dr. Reynolds told members that it was not too late to write to the President of the United States or to their congressmen opposing the construction of this proposed dam.

A report was given of a Black-headed Gull seen at the Richmond Yacht Harbor on January 23, 24, and 26 by Jack Guggolz, A. Laurence Curl, Howard Cogswell, and Alexander Sprunt, IV.

Mr. Robert I. Bowman of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology presented a showing of his motion picture on the natural history of the Galápagos Islands entitled "Indefatigable Island."—ROBERT K. SELANDER, *Secretary*.

MARCH.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on March 4, 1954, at the University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership: Olaf Charles Wallmo, Box 791, Alpine, Texas, by Alden H. Miller; Richard W. Russell, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, by Robert W. Storer.

A written communication from the Secretary of the Southern Division, concerning elimination of common names for subspecies in the A.O.U. Check-list was read. Howard Cogswell moved that the Northern Division instruct the Secretary to draw up a motion similar to the one in which the Southern Division favored elimination of common names for subspecies in the forthcoming Check-list. The motion was seconded by David W. Johnston. Following further discussion of the matter by Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, Dr. Loye Miller, Robert I. Bowman, Howard Cogswell and others, the motion was unanimously carried.

Motion: That the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society desires to go on record as favoring the elimination of common or vernacular names for subspecies in the forthcoming A.O.U. Check-list on the grounds that provision of such names encourages their use with misleading implication of accuracy and that they are cumbersome and tend to cause confusion.

Motions that there be an April meeting but no September meeting were made and carried.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. George Treichel of the University's Geography Department who gave an illustrated talk on "Biogeography of the Island of Hispaniola with Special Reference to Its Avifauna."—JOSEPH G. HALL, *Acting Secretary*.

APRIL.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on April 1, 1954, at the University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership by Mrs. Junea K. Kelly: Mrs. Lynn W. Hunton, 429 Merritt Ave., Oakland 10, Calif.; Mrs. Edward Hohfeld, 2108

Broadway, San Francisco 15, Calif.; and Mrs. John F. Shuman, 250 The Uplands, Berkeley 5, Calif.

Dr. G. W. Salt of the University of California at Davis spoke on "Bird Studies at Jackson Hole."—JOSEPH G. HALL, *Acting Secretary*.

MAY.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on May 6, 1954, at the University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership: Robert Goelet, 546 5th Ave., New York 36, N. Y., by A. H. Miller; Ralph J. Raitt, Jr., Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, Calif., by David W. Johnston; Joseph G. Hall, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, Calif., by Robert I. Bowman.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Ian McMillan of Shandon, presented a talk on "Ecological Problems of Quail Production."—JOSEPH G. HALL, *Acting Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division was held on March 30, 1954, at the Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles. The following names were proposed for membership: Daniel A. Belkin, 6255 Drexel Ave., Los Angeles 48, Calif., by T. R. Howell; Charles Andrew Hice, 12816 5th St., Garden Grove, Calif., by H. Howard; Mrs. Edna M. Lloyd, 430 W. 16th St., San Bernardino, Calif., and R. M. Reed, Route 5, Box 837, Escondido, Calif., both by J. C. von Bloeker; Prabhakar G. Karmarkar, "Swastik-House," 223/F Maredpalli Rd., Secundesakad, Deccan, India; Christopher K. McKeever, Box 63, Water Mill, N.Y.; Mrs. Harson A. Northrup, 358 E. Main St., Owatonna, Minn.; Dr. Knud Paludan, Vildtbiologisk Station, Kale pr. Ronde, Denmark; Dwight Platt, 1420 Ohio, Lawrence, Kans.; Walton Barden Sabin, 1490 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, N.Y., and Walter R. Spofford, Dept. of Anatomy, State Univ. Medical College, Syracuse, N.Y., all by C. V. Duff.

A motion to vacate the April meeting was duly made, seconded and carried.

Dr. Walter P. Taylor, zoologist and conservation expert, spoke on "Some Birds of the Saguaro."—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.