

NOTES AND NEWS

The attractive and informative color plate of sunbirds accompanying Mr. Williams' article in the September Condor was financed by Maurice A. Machris. Editors and members alike are most appreciative of Mr. Machris' contribution.

We are happy to record with thanks the service performed for the Society this year by Mrs. Sylvia L. Thomssen in the compilation of the Annual Index.

Dates set for the Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society in Seattle in 1956 are June 22 to June 24, Friday to Sunday.

We report with regret the death of Stanley G. Jewett of Portland, Oregon, on October 5, 1955. Mr. Jewett was a member of the Cooper Society since 1909 and was elected an honorary member in 1949.

Cost of printing in this issue of *The Condor* of the major article by Tom Cade on Rough-legged Hawks has been contributed in part by Vernon Barrett. The Society is indebted to Mr. Barrett for this substantial aid.

Several recent books of distinct worth and interest have been received by the editor. Pressure of other work has given no opportunity to prepare formal reviews. Among these are: (1) A. W. Schorger's "The Passenger Pigeon, Its Natural History and Extinction" (University of Wisconsin Press); a scholarly and fascinating account constructed from a wealth of historical sources. (2) George H. Lowery's "Louisiana Birds" (Louisiana State University Press); a very well planned and executed state bird book designed to introduce ornithology to non-technical readers. (3) Devereaux Butcher's "Seeing America's Wildlife in Our National Refuges" (The Devin-Adair Company); an excellently illustrated review of some of the features and values of the national refuge system of the United States.—A.H.M.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

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 Presi-

dent J. R. Pemberton in Scripps Patio, Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California, at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 21, 1955. The minutes of the meeting of 1954 were read and approved. The following committees were appointed: Committee to Examine Proxies: Sidney B. Peyton, Henry A. Wylde, and Junea W. Kelly; Committee on Nominations: Junea W. Kelly, Donald D. McLean, and Dorothy E. Groner.

The following proposals for membership were read: Jon B. Ghiselin, 728 Elizabeth Street, Salt Lake City 2, Utah, by William H. Behle; Ruth B. Robertson, 567 Vistamont Avenue, Berkeley 8, Calif., by Junea W. Kelly; Walton A. Smith, 964 Via Verde, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Calif., by Mrs. Thomas R. Howell and Wallace G. MacGregor, Jr.; Robert F. Seibert, 17 Canoe Brook Road, Short Hills, N.J., Gerald L. Brody, University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich., Walter C. Disler, R.D. 1, La Grange, Ohio, William H. Drury, Jr., Biological Laboratories, 16 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge 38, Mass., Donald B. Martin, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston 14, Mass., Grace H. Phillips, 1237½ S. Bronson Avenue, Los Angeles 19, Calif., and G. William Richter, P. O. Box 365, Canfield, Ohio, by C. V. Duff.

The meeting was then adjourned until April 22.

The second session of the annual business meeting was called to order by President J. R. Pemberton at the same place at 10:15 a.m., Friday, April 22, 1955. Sidney B. Peyton, reporting for the Committee to Examine Proxies, reported 841 members present or represented by proxy, of a total membership of 1341. A quorum was declared present. Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, reporting for the Committee on Nominations, 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 was none. Loye Miller moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the election of the entire slate of the nominated directors. The motion was seconded by Sidney B. Peyton and unanimously passed.

The Secretary then read the following proposed amendments to the By-Laws: That Article