

## NOTES AND NEWS

The illustration in color of the Olive Warbler appearing in this issue is presented through the generosity of Mr. Paul Grafe. Members of the Society are much indebted to him as also to the artist, Don Eckelberry, for his excellent painting.

Publication of the extensive paper by David W. Johnston on the reproductive cycle in the California Gull has been in part subsidized.

The local committee in charge of arrangements for the annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society in June in Seattle has been designated by the Board of Directors as follows: *General Chairman*, Garrett Eddy; *Program Chairman*, Gordon Alcorn, *assisted by* Ian McT. Cowan; *Arrangements*, Fred Zwickel, *assisted by* William Goodge; *Finance*, William Rourke; *Entertainment*, Murray L. Johnson; *Publicity*, Burton T. Ostenson.

Newly elected officers of the Western Bird Banding Association are: Emerson A. Stoner, president; Howard L. Cogswell, Russell H. Pray, William K. Kirsher, and Lillian Henningsen, vice-presidents; Enid K. Austin, secretary; Francis H. Boynton, business manager; William K. Kirsher, editor.

## COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on November 29, 1955, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Brian R. Daly, 445 Magellan Ave., San Francisco, Calif., by Robert Orr; Mrs. Gordon B. Olsen, 3895 S. Clarkston St., Englewood, Colo., by J. R. Pemberton; Mrs. Florence M. Plann, 1996 Midlothian Dr., Altadena, Calif., by C. J. Parker; Carl W. Helms, Biological Laboratories, Harvard University, Cambridge 38, Mass., by C. V. Duff; John N. Hough, 1515 Mariposa, Boulder, Colo., and Glen A. Hutson, 725 Blossom St., Bakersfield, Calif., by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.; Lloyd P. Parratt, 402 Oakdale Dr., Claremont, Calif., and Evelyn M. Sharpless, Pala, Calif., by F. H. Boynton; Bayard H. Brattstrom, Dept. of Zoology, Univ. Calif., Los Angeles 24, Calif., and Mrs. Rosemary Quast, 1021-B Sixth St., Santa Monica,

Calif., by Thos. R. Howell; Mr. Reginald Thomas Bloom, %Barclays Bank Ltd., Queensway Branch, Nairobi, Kenya Colony, East Africa, Mr. Cecil Ewart Cade, P.O. Box 568, Nairobi, Kenya Colony, East Africa, and Mr. Hugh F. I. Elliott, % The Secretariat, Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika Territory, East Africa, by John G. Williams.

Thomas R. Howell reviewed Painter's "Ornithogeography of the Yucatan Peninsula." Dorothy Groner reported having seen a Great Gray Owl in Yosemite on November 12.

Sidney B. Peyton showed his colored slides of "Nesting Birds of California, Utah, Colorado and Alaska."—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on January 31, 1956, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: Mr. Herbert Allen, 822 Wildrose Ave., Monrovia, Calif., by A. H. Miller; Donald H. Baepler, Dept. Zoology, Univ. Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.; Bernard B. Butterworth, 1225 W. 39th Pl., Los Angeles 37, Calif., by F. H. Boynton; George A. Clark, Jr., 1 West Campus, Easton, Penn., by K. E. Stager; Richard Holmes, 305 N. Bradbury Dr., San Gabriel, Calif., by T. R. Howell; Clara M. Clapp, 3962 Dalton Ave., Los Angeles 62, Calif., Mrs. S. I. Hayakawa, 225 Eldridge, Mill Valley, Calif., Charles Walter Kossack, 715 Division St., Barrington, Ill., Rheinier Ivan Meyerholtz, 10781 N. Saratoga Rd., Cupertino, Calif., Philip W. Ogilvie, 9550 Faywood St., Bellflower, Calif., William Southern, 614 Prairie St., Clare, Mich., Mrs. William E. Taylor, 4667 Ironwood St., Saginaw, Mich., and David Raymond Williams, 6053 Vantage Ave., No. Hollywood, Calif., by C. V. Duff.

On behalf of the nominating committee, C. V. Duff proposed the following slate of officers for 1956: Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr., president; Thomas R. Howell, first vice-president; Robert L. Taylor, second vice-president; and Dorothy E. Groner, secretary. There being no further nominations, the slate of officers was duly elected. President von Bloeker appointed the following committee chairmen: Thomas R. Howell, program; Arnold Small, conservation; and Elton L. Morel, membership.

The program of the evening was given by

Alden H. Miller, who spoke on "The Natural History of the Nuttall Woodpecker."—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

#### NORTHERN DIVISION

DECEMBER.—The meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on December 1, 1955, at the University of California, Berkeley. New members proposed were Peter A. Jordan, South Fork Inn, North Fork, Calif., and James David Rising, 4406 Sunrise Dr., Kansas City, Mo., by F. A. Pitelka. President Reynolds announced that the nominating committee consisting of Junea Kelly, Eric Kinsey, and Robert Orr would make their report at the next meeting.

Loye Miller reviewed the book, "The House on Nauset Marsh" by Wyman Richardson, and A. L. Curl reviewed "Wild America" by R. T. Peterson and J. Fisher. The presence of Clark Nutcrackers at the coast near Carmel and generally at low elevations in central California was reported by Donald McLean.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. A. Mahler of the California Department of Fish and Game who gave an illustrated talk entitled "A Break-down on Studies of Duck Populations and Breeding in Winter Areas."—ROBERT K. SELANDER, *Secretary*.

JANUARY.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on January 5, 1956, at the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Bartles Lance Benne, 317 N. Kensington, Kansas City 23, Mo., was proposed for membership by F. A. Pitelka, and Mr. Charles Hines, Jr., 810 Taraval St., San Francisco 16, Calif., was proposed by Howard Cogswell.

Alden Miller reviewed the recent A.O.U. research book, "Recent Advances in Avian Biology."

Junea Kelly presented the report of the nominating committee: Donald McLean, president; A. L. Curl, first vice-president; John Davis, second vice-president; and Mrs. Lillian Henningsen, secretary. The slate of the nominating committee was elected by unanimous vote. A motion of commendation and appreciation for the services of outgoing president, Eric Reynolds, was passed by acclaim.

Howard Cogswell reported on a trip to the Farallon Islands on December 31 and reminded the members of the proposed census of Robins on January 7. F. A. Pitelka commented on the influx of Clark Nutcrackers into the Monterey Peninsula and urged the reporting of observations of these birds to Laidlaw Williams or John Davis.

An excellent motion picture on the flight of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds taken by Crawford H. Greenewalt was shown by Junea Kelly. The speaker of the evening was Dr. J. Dan Webster of the California Academy of Sciences and Hanover College, Indiana, who spoke on "The Birds of Zacatecas, Mexico."—RALPH J. RAITT, *Secretary*.

FEBRUARY.—The meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on February 2, 1956, at the University of California, Berkeley. New members proposed were: Life Member, Crawford H. Greenewalt, Wilmington, Del., by Junea W. Kelly; regular members, Mrs. Stanton L. Tainter, 2226 Berkeley, Salt Lake City, Utah, by Junea W. Kelly, and Dana R. Struthers, 1901 Jackson St., San Francisco, Calif., by A. Laurence Curl. President McLean announced the following committees for 1956: Natural Resources, A. Starker Leopold, chairman, Lowell Sumner, Wallace G. Macgregor, and Ian I. McMillan; Program, Alden H. Miller, Robert Orr, and all officers of the Northern Division, with president McLean, chairman; Publicity, Lillian K. Henningsen.

Mrs. Edith Nelson reported seeing two Emperor Geese on East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz, on January 11, 1956. Mr. McLean noted that this species has been reported as far south as Morro Bay and also at Tomales and Humboldt bays and in the Tule Lake Area. King Eider Ducks were also reported on Tomales Bay this winter, and 118 American Scoters were seen on Drakes Bay by Allen Craig. Mrs. Nelson also reported a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher seen by her and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dunlap on November 18, 1955, on West Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Fred Evenden, Director of the Junior Museum, Sacramento, who gave an illustrated talk on the Junior Museum Program.—LILLIAM K. HENNINGSEN, *Secretary*.