

NOTES AND NEWS

The extensive article on Nicaraguan birds in this issue has been published with the aid of special subsidy.

Cooper Society members are reminded of the Annual Meeting to be held from April 25 to 28, 1957, in Los Angeles. Sessions for papers are on April 26 and 27.

Recently ornithology has lost by death two of its world leaders—Josselyn Van Tyne, past president of the American Ornithologists' Union, and John T. Zimmer, former editor of *The Auk*.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on October 30, 1956, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following names were proposed for membership: William S. Emerson, 201 W. Washington Blvd., Whittier, Calif., and Kenneth A. Phelps, M.D., 20 Waverly Court, Menlo Park, Calif., by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.; Evan Gwynne Thompson, 5007 Doliver Dr., Houston 19, Tex., by A. H. Miller; Evan C. Dressel, Western Reserve Rd., R.D., No. 1, Poland, Ohio, Rose Feingold, 4206 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans 15, La., Leo A. Galloway, Bluegrass Trailer Park, 4309 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach, Fla., Mrs. Richard Gambrell, Peapack, N.J., Linus C. Hoffmeister, Sr., 504 W. Ripa Ave., Lemay 23, Mo., Lucy Hunter Murray, Regina College, Regina, Sask., Canada, Frank W. Preston, Box 149, Butler, Pa., Axel G. Rosin, 691 W. 247th St., New York 71, N.Y., and S/Sgt. James E. Shires, 3902nd Support Sqdn., Photo Lab., Offutt AFB, Nebr., by C. V. Duff.

An unusual motion picture, "Woodpeckers," taken through the medium of infra-red light by Heinz Sielmann of Munich, Germany, was shown through the courtesy of George H. Lowery, Jr. In addition, Ed N. Harrison showed life history films of the Bald Eagle, Golden Eagle, Osprey, White Pelican, and Horned Owl.—DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on October 4, 1956, at the University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership: C. E. Gilmore, J-5 Aggie Villa, Davis, Calif., by Louis Locke; Leslie I. Hoot, P. O. Box 49, Sausalito,

Calif., and James E. Landing, 510 E. 11th St., Michigan City, Ind., by Lillian K. Henningsen; Gordon H. Orians, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, Calif., by Frank A. Pitelka.

Betsy Cutler told of finding a dead Horned Puffin on the beach at San Francisco on August 3, 1956. Robert T. Orr of the California Academy of Sciences saved the skeleton of it and determined that it was an immature male and that it had been dead about a week. On August 7, Howard Cogswell saw Cassin Auklets in downy condition on the Farallon Islands, and on September 18 he found young Ashy Petrels there. Laurence Curl reported a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in El Cerrito on June 24, 1956. On July 22, at Point Isabel he saw Clapper Rails with three downy young.

Wallace Macgregor, Jr., Biologist for the California Fish and Game Commission, spoke on the Mourning Dove study program in California.—LILLIAN K. HENNINGSEN, *Secretary*.

NOVEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division was held on November 1, 1956, at the University of California, Berkeley. William H. Partridge, Belgrano 363, Caseros B.A., Argentina, was proposed for membership by Frank A. Pitelka.

Donald McLean stated that the use of mist nets for banding and collecting purposes in California had been brought before the State Fish and Game Commission and that rules regarding their use were being formulated.

Mary Taylor of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology spoke on the Natural History of Australia, showing colored slides of her field work in that country.—LILLIAN K. HENNINGSEN, *Secretary*.

DECEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on December 6, 1956, at the University of California, Berkeley. President McLean appointed the following committee to nominate officers for 1957: L. Richard Mewaldt, Enid Austin, and Junea W. Kelly.

McLean reported seeing over thirty Longspurs mixed in a flock of Horned Larks at Carrizo Plains, California, on November 8. He also saw about 200 Mountain Plovers.

The speaker of the evening was Gordon Orians of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology who reported on "Bird Study in Lapland," illustrating his talk with colored slides.—LILLIAN K. HENNINGSEN, *Secretary*.