

NOTES AND NEWS

We report with regret the death of Robert T. Moore on October 30, 1958. He was a member of the Board of Governors and Honorary Member of the Cooper Ornithological Society.

In connection with the preparation of accounts for the A. C. Bent series of "Life Histories of North American Birds," Wendell Taber requests information particularly on food habits and on behavior in general of Cassin's Sparrow (*Amphispiza cassinii*), Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*), Sage Sparrow (*Amphispiza belli*), and the Black-chinned Sparrow (*Spizella atrogularis*). Such information may be sent to him at: 33 Lexington Avenue, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts.

The annual index for the Condor for 1958 was prepared by Mrs. Sylvia L. Thomssen. The editors as well as all members of the Society are again much indebted to her for this valuable assistance.

Awards for ornithological research are made in April of each year by the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund Committee of the American Museum of Natural History, New York. Applications should be received by March 15. Awards were made in 1958 for the following projects:

Edward Beals, University of Wisconsin: The ecology of the birds of the Apostle Islands.

Robert Ficken, Cornell University: The behavior of the Common Grackle, *Quiscalus quiscula*.

William George, University of Arizona: The significance of the hyoid bones in classifying birds.

Maria Koepcke, San Marcos University, Lima, Peru: A study of the Peruvian collections of birds at the American Museum of Natural History.

Nancy McAllister, University of Michigan: The reproductive ethology of the Pied-billed Grebe.

J. D. Macdonald, British Museum: A study of the bird collections at the American Museum of Natural History.

John Rogers, University of Missouri: The breeding biology and behavior of the Lesser Scaup.

Glen Sherwood, Utah State University: The relationship of the Whistling Swan to other waterfowl in the Great Salt Lake Valley of Utah.

Brenda Sladen, Johns Hopkins University: The respiratory system of birds.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

APRIL.—The regular meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society, Northern Division, was held on April 10, 1958, in room 2503, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. Dr. A. Starker Leopold presided.

The guest speaker was Dr. Walter E. Howard, University of California, Davis, who lectured on "New Zealand, Its Fauna and Scenery."—ROBERT I. BOWMAN, *Secretary*.

MAY.—The regular meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society, Northern Division, was held on May 1, 1958, in room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. Dr. John Davis presided. He reported briefly on the Annual Meeting of the Society just concluded in Salt Lake City, Utah. About 125 people were present. Dr. Davis announced that the Board of Governors elected Mrs. Junea W. Kelly to Honorary Membership in the Society.

The following observations were reported: Mr. Alan Craig observed over 200 Lewis Woodpeckers in Napa County on April 19. Many of these were "flycatching" in the oaks; Mr. Howard Cogswell also reported a flock of Lewis Woodpeckers, composed of about 15 individuals, at the foot of Mt. Diablo on April 12.

The guest speaker was Dr. Francis C. Evans of the University of Michigan, who spoke on "A Population Study of Color-banded Vesper Sparrows in Southeastern Michigan."—ROBERT I. BOWMAN, *Secretary*.

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society, Northern Division, was held on October 2, 1958, in room 2503, Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership: Dr. Peter R. Marler, Berkeley, by Dr. John Davis; Mr. Jerry Buzzell, Los Altos, by Dr. F. A. Pitelka.

Two motion pictures of the Machris Brazilian Expedition from the Los Angeles County Museum were shown.—ROBERT I. BOWMAN, *Secretary*.