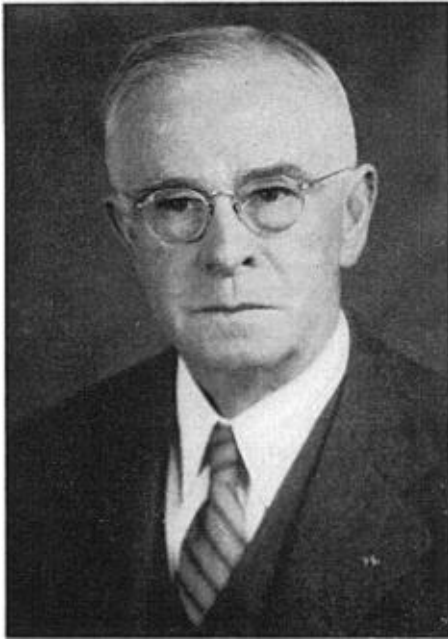


NOTES AND NEWS



Harry R. Painton

The late Harry R. Painton was one of the four founders of the Cooper Ornithological Club in 1893. The foresight and interest of this man and his young colleagues of that day began a development which has flourished and has had most beneficial effects on ornithological science as every present member of our organization well understands. After Dr. Painton retired from his medical practice he resumed an active part in the Cooper Society and took justifiable pride in its growth and functions. He served in late years as President of the Northern Division and he became aware of the great advantages of stable finances to assure for all time the continued support of ornithological research and publication by the Society. The business managers of that time, W. Lee Chambers and C. V. Duff, were pursuing a sound fiscal policy of fund use and investment, aided by their investment counselors. Dr. Painton resolved to contribute in a major way to this undertaking through his will. Following his death, his bequest to the Society became known. The legal work connected with the settlement of the estate over a period of nearly four years has been skillfully handled by Vernon Barrett, prominent Los Angeles attorney and member of the Cooper Society.



C. V. Duff and Ed. N. Harrison (left and center) of the Cooper Society receiving securities of the Painton Estate from Douglas F. Scott (right), Vice-president of Bank of America.

The trust department of the Bank of America has been most cooperative in this undertaking. C. V. Duff, Business Manager, is responsible for the coordinating work and for the very successful selection of securities available to the Cooper Society as its equity in the estate which has led to growth in benefits in the period of litigation. Accordingly Mr. Duff is now able to report that on August 20, 1959, he received securities and cash in the amount of \$61,128.07 from the Harry R. Painton Estate as an addition to the Society's endowments. The members of our organization are deeply thankful to Dr. Painton and to these men concerned with business affairs for their dedication to the welfare of the Society.—A.H.M.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 1959

The first session of the annual meeting of the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society (a corporation) was called to order by President J. R. Pemberton in 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, California, at 10:35 a.m., Friday, April 3, 1959.

The minutes of the meeting of 1958 were read and approved. The following committees were appointed: Committee to Examine Proxies, Thomas R. Howell, Robert T. Orr, A. Starker Leopold, chairman; Committee on Nominations, William H. Behle, Jean Delacour, Junea W. Kelly, chairman.

The thirteen proposals for membership were

read (names and addresses in Secretary's files).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until April 4.

The second session of the annual meeting of the members of the corporation was called to order by President J. R. Pemberton in 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, California, at 9:15 a.m., Saturday, April 4, 1959.

A. Starker Leopold, Chairman of the Committee to Examine Proxies, reported proxies for 884 members, and 98 members present in person. A quorum was declared present.

William H. Behle, reporting for the Committee on Nominations, moved that the present slate of Directors of the Corporation be re-elected for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Thomas R. Howell presented a resolution extending the thanks and sincere appreciation of the Society to the Local Committee under the chairmanship of Howard L. Cogswell, to the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, and to the University of California, for the excellent arrangements which had been made for the annual meeting. Howard Cogswell amended this resolution to include the name of Mrs. Joseph Grinnell. The amended resolution was unanimously adopted.

C. V. Duff, Business Manager, presented his report. In 1958, the market value of securities held by the corporation totaled \$122,134.50, an increase of \$33,069.87 over 1957. Membership in 1958 showed a gain of 126 members over 1957, giving the Society a total membership of 1639, the largest in the Society's history.

There being no further business, the meeting stood adjourned.—JOHN DAVIS, *Secretary*.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors on April 3, 1959, the details of business and editorial reports were considered and advisory functions exercised relative to the work of officers and the

Board of Directors. The Board of Governors re-elected its officers on recommendation of the nominating committee. The officers are: John Davis, President; Thomas R. Howell, Vice-president; Kenneth Stager, Secretary.

At the recent annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in Regina, Saskatchewan, George H. Lowery, Jr., was elected President. Dean Amadon and Austin L. Rand are Vice-presidents, and Herbert G. Deignan and Charles G. Sibley continue as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Donald S. Farner is the new editor of *The Auk*, succeeding Eugene Eisenmann. Alexander Wetmore received the Brewster Award for his work on fossil birds and on the classification and nomenclature of recent birds. New fellows elected were John Davis, Thomas R. Howell, and A. Starker Leopold. New elective members are H. Lewis Batts, Pershing B. Hoffund, C. Stuart Houston, Richard F. Johnston, Martin H. Moynihan, and Robert K. Selander.

Applications for Fuertes Research Grants of the Wilson Ornithological Society during 1960 are now being received. The committee recommending the grants wishes to emphasize that any type of ornithological research may be supported and that recipients need not be affiliated with educational institutions. In fact, the committee hopes to encourage the development of research by amateur ornithologists. The important criterion in making awards will be the potential contribution to knowledge intrinsic in the work envisioned.

The committee trusts that those interested in ornithology will encourage and stimulate qualified persons to apply. Information and application forms may be obtained from Harvey I. Fisher, Department of Zoology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.