

## NOTES AND NEWS

The Lida Scott Brown lectures in ornithology at the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1960 were presented by Dr. A. J. Marshall, Professor of Biology, Monash University, Victoria, Australia. The subjects of his four lectures on May 3, 12, 19 and 24 were: Birds of Australia and New Guinea; Birds of the High Arctic—Spitzbergen and Jan Mayen Land; Birds of Equatorial Africa—Lake Victoria; Birds of Islands and Deserts of Northwest Australia.

Recent significant literature received at the editor's desk has included the following:

"Comparative Breeding Behavior of Four Species of North American Herons" by Andrew J. Meyerriecks, Publications of the Nuttall Ornithological Club No. 2, 158 pages; this important monograph is made available by the Club at the excellent, low price of \$3 per cloth bound copy as the result of a subsidy.

"A Field Guide to the Birds of Texas" by Roger Tory Peterson, \$3.00; this is another fine and up-to-date unit in Peterson's series of guides.

"Proceedings, XII International Ornithological Congress, Helsinki, 1958," received August 9, 1960; 820 pages, in two paper-covered volumes. We understand that the main stock of the proceedings was destroyed by an accident following distribution of review copies but it is expected that a reissue of the work will be available soon.

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 1960

The first session of the annual meeting of the members of the Cooper Ornithological Society (a corporation) was called to order by President W. J. Sheffler in the Jean Delacour Auditorium, Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles, California, at 10:15 a.m., Friday, May 6, 1960.

The minutes of the meeting of 1959 were read and approved. The following committees were appointed: committee to examine proxies, James N. Bartel, Lillian K. Henningsen, Junea W. Kelly, chairman; committee on nominations, Jean Delacour, Gerhard Bakker, Jr., Joe T. Marshall, Jr., chairman.

Twelve proposals for membership were read (names and addresses in Secretary's files).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until May 7.

The second session of the annual meeting of the

members of the corporation was called to order by President W. J. Sheffler in Room 2147 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Los Angeles, California, at 9:20 a.m., Saturday, May 7, 1960.

Mrs. Junea W. Kelly, chairman of the committee to examine proxies, reported proxies for 872 members and over 25 members present in person. A quorum was declared present.

Dr. Joe T. Marshall, Jr., chairman of the committee on nominations, presented the following slate of nominees for the Board of Directors: Vernon Barrett, John Davis, C. V. Duff, Ed N. Harrison, Thomas R. Howell, Alden H. Miller, Frank A. Pitelka, W. J. Sheffler, and Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr. Junea W. Kelly moved that the nominations be closed and that the secretary cast an unanimous ballot for the slate of directors proposed by the committee on nominations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. Alden H. Miller presented a resolution extending the thanks and sincere appreciation of the Society to the Local Committee under the chairmanship of Jean Delacour for the excellent arrangements which had been made for the annual meeting. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

C. V. Duff, Business Manager, presented his report. The Harry R. Painton bequest was received by the Society on August 20, 1959. This legacy, consisting of securities and cash, amounted to \$61,128.07. At the close of business, December 31, 1959, the Society's securities totaled \$178,623. In addition, there was \$836.64 in cash awaiting investment. This represents a total increase over 1958 of \$57,444.81. The endowment fund of \$179,459.64 yielded an income of \$5,240.66.

The following members took out Life Memberships in 1959: H. Lewis Batts, Jr.; John B. Davidson; S. H. French, III, M.D.; Ed N. Harrison, Jr.; J. R. Jehl, Jr.; S. Dillon Ripley; E. A. Schlesselman, M.D.; Paul A. Schwartz, Jr.; and Otis H. Wade.

The Society gratefully acknowledges generous gifts by Miss Isabel Thomson and John L. Blackford to the endowment fund.

There was an increase of 26 members in 1959, with a total membership of 1665.

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