

NEWS AND NOTES

LOYE HOLMES MILLER, 1874-1970

We announce with sorrow and regret the death of Loye H. Miller on 6 April at Davis, California. Dr. Miller had been a member of the Cooper Ornithological Society since 1905 and an Honorary Member since 1950. His many contributions to the ornithological literature and, at least equally important, the kindness and wisdom that he gave freely to many students insure "Padre" Miller an important place in the history of American ornithology.—R. J. Raitt.

OBITUARY: JUNEWA W. KELLY

With the death of Junea W. Kelly on 24 June 1969 the Cooper Ornithological Society lost a member of long standing (1918-1969) and loyal influence. She served the Society in many capacities, among which were member of the Board of Governors (1948), Life Member (1949), President of the Northern Division (1950-51), representative to the Council of the American Ornithologists' Union, and delegate at several International Ornithological Congresses. In 1954 friends and students of Mrs. Kelly presented a painting by Andrew Jackson Grayson for publication in *The Condor* (56:opp. 113). This was done in warm appreciation of Mrs. Kelly's more than 30 years of teaching in the Extension Division of the University of California. Her "Six Trips Afield" over the years brought great pleasure to large numbers of people and to some a desire seriously to pursue natural history subjects. Junea Kelly authored many short and long articles for *The Condor*; her "History of the nesting of an Anna Hummingbird" (57:347-353, 1955) was the last. In 1958 the Board of Governors elected Mrs. Kelly to Honorary Membership. Her last service to the Society was to become a Benefactor.—Enid K. Austin.

41ST ANNUAL MEETING

The Cooper Ornithological Society held its 41st Annual Meeting in conjunction with the 51st Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society 18-21 June 1970 at Colorado State University, Fort Collins. Ronald A. Ryder was Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements and Keith L. Dixon was Chairman of the Committee on the Scientific Program.

The following were elected as officers of the Society: L. Richard Mewaldt, President; Robert W. Storer, Vice-president; William H. Behle, Secretary; Keith L. Dixon, Assistant Secretary; Jane R. Durham, Treasurer; James G. Miller, Assistant Treasurer; Ralph J. Raitt, Editor, *The Condor*; and Tom J. Cade, Editor, *Pacific Coast Avifauna*. Keith L. Dixon, Frank Richardson, and Miklos D. F. Udvardy had previously been elected by mail ballot to serve three-year terms as Directors.

Newly elected officers and members of the Council are as follows: Kenneth E. Stager, President; John William Hardy, Vice-president; Miklos D. F. Udvardy, Secretary; Paul H. Baldwin and Harold F. Mayfield, members.

Barbara Blanchard DeWolfe, Donald S. Farner, and Marquis Yoshimaro Yamashina were elected as Honorary Members of the Society.

Awards for the best papers presented by persons not holding a doctoral degree in biology were as

follows: A. Brazier Howell Award, Stephen G. Martin for his paper on "Territorial quality and polygyny in the Bobolink"; Frances F. Roberts Award, C. John Ralph and Carol A. Pearson for their paper on "Correlations of age, size of territory, plumage and success in breeding White-crowned Sparrows."

The membership of the two societies jointly passed the following resolutions.

1. *Whereas* the Cooper Ornithological Society and the Wilson Ornithological Society have assembled in their first joint annual meeting at Fort Collins, Colorado, June 18-21, 1970, and

Whereas the members of the two societies have benefited greatly from the devoted efforts of the Committee on Arrangements chaired by Dr. Ronald A. Ryder, and

Whereas the superior facilities and services provided by Colorado State University have contributed immeasurably to the success and enjoyable nature of this meeting,

Therefore be it resolved that the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies extend their grateful appreciation to the sponsoring organizations: Colorado State University, The Colorado Field Ornithologists, and The Fort Collins Bird Club.

2. *Whereas* the Wilson and Cooper Ornithological Societies represent an important cross section of the scientific community concerned with the study and conservation of birds in North America, and

Whereas the officers and members of the Wilson and Cooper Ornithological Societies share a great concern about the future biological productivity of Alaska, particularly in view of pending proposals for exploitation of Alaskan resources,

Therefore be it resolved that the two societies wish, first, to commend Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel for insisting on proper scientific and engineering assessment of the impact of such exploitation on the environment of Alaska, and, second, to urge that final decisions relating to Alaska be made on the basis of a national accounting rather than merely state, regional, or special interest group considerations, and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel and to the Governor, U.S. Senators and Representatives of the State of Alaska.

3. *Whereas* more species of endemic birds have become extinct in Hawaii during the past century than in the entire North American continent, and

Whereas at least one-third of the extant Hawaiian birds are now classified as "rare and endangered," and

Whereas wetland areas are essential to the survival of Hawaii's marsh and pond birds,

Therefore be it resolved that the Cooper and Wilson Ornithological Societies urge that all State and Federally owned marshlands in Hawaii be declared Wildlife Refuges for these birds, and that pertinent privately owned lands be acquired and put into public ownership by the Federal or State governments or by both, and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel and to the Governor, U.S. Senators and Representatives of the State of Hawaii.

4. *Whereas* the first joint meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society and the Wilson Ornithological Society has been a notable success in providing an

opportunity for intellectual and social exchange among the members of the societies,

Therefore be it resolved that the officers of the societies be encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity to stage additional joint meetings of this type at suitable intervals.

At the scientific sessions the following papers were presented.

Local song dialects and population size in a parasitic bird, by Robert B. Payne.

Study problems of some Caribbean bird songs, by George B. Reynard.

The development of selected vocalizations in hand-reared Black-capped Chickadees, by Vivian Telford Anderson.

Grouping responses of wild quail to separation calls of the Bobwhite, Scaled Quail and their hybrids, by Daniel E. Hatch.

Tracheal resonance and vocal acoustics of some New World quail, by Raymond B. Goldstein.

Comfort behavior of Adelie, African and Humboldt Penguins, by David G. Ainley.

The Influence of wind on the flight directions of passerine nocturnal migrants, by Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Jr., and Kenneth P. Able.

Influence of disturbances in the earth's magnetic field on orientation of Ring-billed Gulls, by William E. Southern.

Energetic significance of solar absorption and hypothermia in the Roadrunner, by Robert D. Ohmart and Robert C. Lasiewski.

The stimuli eliciting sunbathing in birds, by Helmut C. Mueller.

Bioenergetics of a covey of Bobwhite Quail, by Ronald M. Case.

Correlation of dietary protein with energy and nitrogen balance and temperature tolerance in Tree Sparrows, by Elden W. Martin.

The development of radio-biotelemetry devices for small passerine birds, by Vaughn A. Langman.

Comparison of salt and water regulations in California Quail and Gambel's Quail, by Cynthia Carey.

Cardiovascular adaptations of Horned Larks to high altitude, by Charles H. Trost.

Thyroid histology in the annual cycle, breeding and molt in Tricolored Blackbirds, by Marsha Landolt and Robert B. Payne.

Endogenous factors affecting incubation behavior in Redwinged Blackbirds, by Larry C. Holcomb.

Sexual dichromatism in the House Sparrow, by Nancy S. Mueller.

Avian hybridization across the Great Plains, by Charles G. Sibley.

Serum esterase and lactic dehydrogenase polymorphism in the Metallic Starling, *Aplonis metallica*, by Kendall W. Corbin.

Serum albumin polymorphism in *Paradisaea minor*, *Paradisaea raggiana* and their hybrids, by Andrew Ferguson.

Relationships of the Olive Warbler, *Peucedramus taeniatus*, by Walter J. Bock and John Morony.

Skeletal analysis of the *Ammodramus*-*Ammospiza* grassland sparrow complex: a numerical taxonomic study, by Jerome D. Robins and Gary D. Schnell.

A functional-anatomical comparison of the two murre species, by Lowell Spring.

Bilateral asymmetry and individuality of the integumental patterns on avian feet, by George A. Clark, Jr.

The morphology and phylogenetic significance of the pelvic girdle in ratites, by Robert J. Raikow.

Breeding schedule of the Rufous-collared Sparrow in coastal Peru, by John Davis.

Colonial nesting of the Piñon Jay, by Russell P. Balda and Gary C. Bateman.

Habits of the Red-fronted Woodpecker, *Melanerpes cruentatus*, by Lester L. Short.

Correlations of age, size of territory, plumage and success in breeding White-crowned Sparrows, by C. John Ralph and Carol A. Pearson.

Influence of cowbird parasitism on nesting success in the Eastern Phoebe, by Erwin E. Klaas.

Cowbird density and cowbird-host interactions, by Daniel S. McGeen.

Behavior of Wilson's Warbler, by Bob Stewart.

Breeding biology of the Eastern Bluebird, by David B. Peakall (read by Tom J. Cade).

(The following six papers were parts of a symposium on avian ecology in grasslands, arranged and chaired by John A. Wiens).

Seasonal fluctuations of bird populations on some Colorado grasslands, by Ronald A. Ryder.

Growth rates of ground-nesting passerine birds at Matador, Saskatchewan, Canada, by William J. Maher.

Feeding dynamics of the Lark Bunting, by Paul H. Baldwin.

Territorial quality and polygyny in the Bobolink, by Stephen G. Martin.

Survival in the grassland sere: the Dickcissel's adaptations for opportunism, by John L. Zimmerman.

Habitat structure and spatial relationships among grassland birds, by John A. Wiens.

The experimental modification of Starling reproductive performance at different densities, by Arthur C. Risser, Jr.

Survival of banded Great-tailed Grackles at College Station, Texas, by Keith A. Arnold.

Numbers, species composition and flight patterns of gulls near San Francisco Bay, California, by Vivian R. Null.

Movements of gulls within and among local populations near San Francisco Bay, California, by Howard L. Cogswell.

Winter activities of the Slate-colored Junco on the Ross Natural History Reservation, by C. W. Comer.

Ecology of Cassin's Auklet on Southeast Farallon Island, by David A. Manuwal.

Recent increase and range extension of the White-tailed Kite in Middle America, by Eugene Eisenmann.

Annual nesting of the California Condor, by Fred C. Sibley.

Density and distribution of the Colima Warbler within the Chisos Mountains, Texas, by Roland H. Wauer.

The fluctuating avifauna of Santa Barbara Island, California, by James K. Baker.

The nests and eggs of some Hawaiian birds, by Andrew J. Berger.

Reproductive patterns in captive American Kestrels, by Richard D. Porter and Stanley N. Wiemeyer.

A live-trapping and recapture technique for Red-tailed Hawks, by Jay H. Schnell.

Bird populations of successional forest habitats along the Missouri River in North Dakota, by Edmund A. Hibbard.

A multivariate analysis of Indigo Bunting habitat in the southwestern part of its breeding range, by Douglas James and Steven H. Fritts.

Cattle Egrets, *Bubulcus ibis*, in southeast Texas, by Jed J. Ramsey.

Pathologies of slides at scientific meetings, by Gene M. Christman.

PAINTON AWARD

It was announced at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society that the Harry R. Painton Award has been given to Robert K. Selander for his paper "Sexual dimorphism and differential niche utilization in birds" (*Condor* 68:113-151, 1966). This award of \$500 is made biennially for the paper judged to be of the greatest merit and significance published in *The Condor* in the preceding four years.

NEW JOURNAL: CALIFORNIA BIRDS

This new quarterly publication devoted to field ornithology is published by the California Field Ornithologists. For information write to the Treasurer, Clifford R. Lyons, 6424 Mt. Adelbert Dr., San Diego, California 92111. The first issue (January 1970) includes a complete checklist of the birds of California and an article on identification of Common and Arctic Terns.

MEMORIAL PUBLICATION TO
HERBERT G. DEIGNAN

In June 1970, the Siam Society issued a memorial number of its Natural History Bulletin in honor of the late Herbert G. Deignan, an authority on the birds of Southeast Asia, especially Thailand. He was Secretary of the American Ornithologists' Union from 1959 to 1961.

The 200-page issue includes papers by friends and colleagues of Deignan's, covering subjects in which he was interested.

Copies may be obtained for \$2.50 plus 50¢ Seamaile postage from the Siam Society, 131 Lane 21, (Asoke) Sukhumvit Road, P. O. Box 65, Central, Bangkok, Thailand.

ERRATUM

It has been drawn to our attention that Phillips et al. (*The birds of Arizona*, Univ. Arizona Press, Tucson, 1964) correctly give the date of collection of a Golden Plover in Maricopa County, Arizona, as 15 May 1953, not 15 May 1963 as stated on p. 331 of the July 1969 *Condor*.—Ed.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

One of the authors of the article on *Sturnella magna* in this issue kindly called my attention to their recommendation concerning the original spelling of the subspecific name *inexpectata* (see p. 307). A

return to Ridgway's original spelling *inexpectata* seems unwarranted, as well as likely to cause confusion, in view of the long and consistent use of *inexpectata* since 1897 in all major works from which students draw their nomenclature, and by all authors prior to 1961 (as well as recently), including Ridgway himself. Evidently Ridgway considered the inclusion of the "s" an inadvertent or typographical spelling error, for in his major work, "The Birds of North and Middle America" (U. S. Natl. Mus. Bull., 50, Pt. 2:364-365, 1902) he adopted the spelling *inexpectata*, though citing in synonymy his original spelling and Stone's emendation (Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Philadelphia, p. 146-152, 1897). The recent discovery (Deignan, Bull. U. S. Natl. Mus. 221, 1961) that alternative classical usage authorized the original spelling would not render the emendation "unjustified" if in fact Ridgway had intended the shorter spelling; his 1902 decision supports this view. If Stone's 1897 emendation be deemed "unjustified," under the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, Art. 33 (a) (ii), his spelling has the status and availability of a junior synonym (the original spelling becoming a senior synonym). As the "senior synonym" remained entirely unused for over 50 years, while in the interim *inexpectata* was used by all authors, under the Code, Art. 23 (b), the spelling *inexpectata* became a *nomen oblitum*, not subject to revival after 1960 without express direction by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. Deignan's (1961) listing of the original spelling in his catalogue of type specimens was published after 1960 and would probably not have rated as competing usage even if published earlier, for he (properly) listed all types under their original spelling, even in cases when the spelling was improper under the Code.—Eugene Eisenmann, American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y. 10024. (Ed. Note: Dr. Eisenmann is Chairman of the A. O. U. Committee on Classification and Nomenclature.)

REPRINTS OF MEMBERSHIP LIST

The biennial printing of the list of the officers and members of the Cooper Ornithological Society is included in this issue of *The Condor*. The Society plans to make reprints of this list available at a small charge. (Details for ordering will appear in the next *Condor*.) It will be possible to make corrections in the names and addresses prior to reprinting, and members are urged to check the list and send corrections to the Editor before 1 October 1970. Changes of address for purposes of prompt receipt of *The Condor* and of dues notices should, as usual, be sent to the Treasurer.