

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

APRIL.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held April 27, 1926, at the Los Angeles Museum at Exposition Park. The following members were present: Misses Burnell and Potter; Mesdames Ellis, Law, and Warmer; and Messrs. Allen, Bishop, Edwards, Law, Michener, A. H. Miller, L. H. Miller, Robertson, Runner, Warmer, and Wyman. The meeting was called to order by President Bishop at 8:15 P. M. Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The following applications for membership were presented: Mrs. Julius H. Aniotzbehere, 128 John St., Salinas, Calif., by O. P. Silliman; John P. Barker, 460 Cypress, Burbank, Calif., by Harold Michener; Clarence Cottam, 459 N. 6th St., East Provo, Utah, by Vasco M. Tanner; Gerald Cooper, 2312 Fairfax St., Denver, Colo., Dr. Ira E. Cutler, Zool. Dept. Univ. of Denver, Denver, Colo., and Robert Landberg, 4672 Sherman St., Denver, Colo., by Alfred M. Bailey; J. L. Ridgway, 501 Fairmont, Glendale, Calif., and George R. Waehr, R. F. D. 3, Murray, Utah, by W. Lee Chambers; and Juliet G. Voorhies, 4939 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., by Ella H. Ellis.

A motion was made by Dr. Miller to reaffirm the resolutions regarding the National Game Refuge Act, forwarded to this Division from the Northern Division; however, no positive action was taken by the club on the matter.

Mr. Law presented an account of the habits of a family of young Horned Owls kept in captivity for the past season. The methods of feeding, fear reactions, and habits of play were all described as observed in this family of owls. Mr. Law has been primarily interested in the feather growth and juvenile plumage. Much to the pleasure of those present, one of the young owls was produced to give a practical demonstration of behavior. The remainder of the session was then given over to the joint entertainment of the young owl and the spectators.

Adjourned.—ALDEN H. MILLER, *Secretary*.

MAY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held May 25, 1926, at the Los Angeles Museum, at 8 P. M. Thirty-five members and visitors were present. The meeting was called to order

by President Bishop and the minutes of the April meeting read and approved. Minutes of the Northern Division for March and April were read.

The following were the applications for membership: George Dudley Atwell, Eureka, Calif., by Dr. Gilbert A. Howatt; Griffing Bancroft, Jr., 2525 First St., San Diego, Calif., by Donald R. Dickey and L. H. Miller; J. C. Braly, 501 Burnside St., Portland, Ore., by Stanley G. Jewett; James J. Carroll, P. O. Box 356, Houston, Texas, by W. Lee Chambers; John Quincy Langen, 858 Tremaine Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., by J. Eugene Law.

Mr. Wyman raised the question of the Game Refuge Resolutions and moved that the Southern Division reaffirm them, as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club reaffirms its conviction that the proposed Migratory Bird Refuge and Marshlands Conservation Act, H. R. 7479, Senate 2607, embodies a measure which is of vital importance in the preservation and development of our birds, for whose sustenance, propagation, and very existence, submerged refuges are indispensable; and

Further RESOLVED, that the administration of such refuges presents a biological problem for trained specialists cognizant of the different and fluctuating conditions obtaining throughout the entire ranges of our migratory birds and that, in the Bureau of Biological Survey, we already have a trained and competent agency for the unified control which alone can achieve the objects of the Act; and

Further RESOLVED, that the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club respectfully urge our Senators and Representatives to interest themselves in bringing said measure to a vote at the earliest possible time, during the present session; and

Further RESOLVED, that the Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each Member of Congress from California.

The motion was carried.

A report of a recent trip to Baja California by Laurence Peyton, and an exhibition of some of the skins obtained, was followed by a discussion of some of the Lower Californian forms. Mr. Frederic Webster, the speaker of the evening, presented the subject of the personality of birds and illustrated his talk with a fine series of lantern slides of his captive pets.

Adjourned.—ALDEN H. MILLER, *Secretary*.

JUNE.—The Cooper Ornithological Club, Southern Division, held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, June 29, 1926, at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, with an attendance of thirty. In the absence of the president, Dr. Bishop, Vice-president Appleton called the meeting to order.

Business was postponed until after the talk given by Mr. A. van Rossem, the speaker of the evening. Mr. van Rossem

has spent the greater portion of the past year collecting in Central America and gave a general outline of conditions as found in Salvador. A series of slides accompanied his remarks as he described different parts of the country and the birds found there. He related some amusing incidents of hunting at night with carbide lights. Questions following his talk brought out some interesting observations on migration.

Minutes of the May meeting were then read and approved. Minutes of the Northern Division were read by title only. The following applications were presented: James Deane Cochrane, Barkerville, B. C., Canada, by Harold Michener; C. J. Metzger, 6312 So. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill., by W. Lee Chambers; Joseph Wendle, Bowron Lake, Barkerville, B. C., Canada, by Harold Michener; J. Carlisle Youngberg, 1927 Washington St., San Francisco, by Griffing Bancroft.

Mr. Roland Ross deplored the increasing numbers of Cowbirds and felt that something should be done to check their spread. Several members reported the prevalence of Cowbirds in different sections of the state and enumerated birds that had been called upon to act as foster parents.

Adjourned.—ELLA H. ELLIS, *Secretary pro tem.*

NORTHERN DIVISION

MAY.—The May meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, May 27, 1926, at 8:00 P. M., in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley. President Allen occupied the chair, with the following members present: Misses Bastin, Cockefair, Fisher, Pickard, Thomson; Mesdames Allen, Bogle, Cantwell, Grinnell, Kibbe, Mead, Mexia, and Mikesell; Messrs. Booth, Bunker, Cantwell, Cain, Ellis, Grinnell, Hall, Jesser, Kibbe, Lastreto, Myers, Perine, Pursell, and Swarth. Visitors were: Misses Hargrave, Monell and Spencer; Mesdames Bunker, Evermann, Jesser, Stephenson, Swarth, and Mr. Mikesell.

Minutes of the Northern Division for March and April were read; minutes of the Southern Division were read by title.

A letter was read from Mr. D. E. Danby of Santa Cruz calling the attention of the Northern Division of the Club to the fact that the members of the Rod and Gun Club of that city had just concluded their annual "blue jay shoot". Newspaper clippings sent by Mr. Danby reported that hawks, butcher-birds and kingfishers, as well as skunks and other mammals, were

among the "trophies" of the hunters. Mr. Danby asked that the Club take action to prevent the recurrence of such an event. Mr. Grinnell expressed the opinion that action in such a case might properly be taken by the State Fish and Game Commission and made a motion to the effect that its pointed attention be called to this case. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mikesell and unanimously carried.

A communication from the Ecological Society of America was read requesting that it be permitted to refer to the Cooper Ornithological Club as an "affiliated organization". Objections to such a procedure were voiced by some members of the Division, and upon the motion of Mr. Lastreto the letter was laid upon the table.

Mr. Lastreto, chairman of the committee appointed by President Allen to investigate the possibility of bringing to San Francisco the splendid bird art exhibit assembled in Los Angeles for the first annual meeting of the Cooper Club, reported that the committee had been unable to accomplish its object owing to the fact that the exhibit is now scattered. He reported, however, such cordial coöperation on the part of Mr. Gamble of the Seven Arts Club of San Francisco, that, at the suggestion of Mr. Swarth, President Allen refrained from discharging the committee, thinking that it might be of service in similar connection at a future date.

The secretary reported that several members of Congress had expressed a gratifyingly cordial attitude toward the Game Refuge bill when acknowledging receipt of the resolutions passed by the Northern Division at the April meeting. Mr. Kibbe reported the bill to have been placed upon the Senate Calendar.

Mr. Grinnell briefly and favorably reviewed two new books of interest to bird students: "Problems of Bird Migration", by Thomson, and the "Origin of Birds", by Heilmann.

Several members of the Club told of field trips recently taken. Mrs. Mead reported the wonderfully interesting trip taken by several members to the Los Baños marshes with their wealth of nesting birds. Mrs. Kibbe told of the trip from Ross to San Quentin in Marin County, and Mrs. Allen of a spring visit in the Sierra foothills. Mr. Swarth gave an account of a field trip into the inner coast ranges, 200 miles to the northward, in the Yolla Bolly region. Mr. Bunker and Mr. Cain also told of recent observations of interest. Adjourned.—HILDA W. GRINNELL, *Secretary.*