

Sialia currucoides. Mountain Bluebird. A flock of ten bluebirds was discovered in Douglas fir timber near Coleman Creek on December 18.

Bombycilla cedrorum. Cedar Waxwing. A flock of ten was found in an apple orchard south of Medford, December 18, and others were recorded a few days previously, from the vicinity.

Lanius borealis. Northern Shrike. A shrike was found chasing a flock of Pine Siskins near Butte Creek on December 18. The bird, an immature female, was killed, and is now in the Stevenson collection.

Zonotrichia leucophrys subsp. White-crowned Sparrow. Five White-crowned Sparrows were noted along Butte Creek, December 18, but none was collected.—JAMES STEVENSON and HENRY FITCH, *Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, California, April 8, 1933*.

EDITORIAL NOTES AND NEWS

The necessarily brief minutes (page 171 of this issue of the CONDOR) afford but a meager idea of the general worth of the eighth annual C. O. C. meeting. Persons in attendance derived both profit and pleasure from its varied program, and the opportunities given between sessions for informal conversations between individuals not usually associated brought further benefits. By invitation from the San Diego Society of Natural History, next year's meeting will be held in San Diego, probably in April.

In the June, 1933, issue of the *Wilson Bulletin*, Editor T. C. Stephens offers some cogent comments on the designation of localities in bird records and on specimen-labels. He tells of troubles he has experienced in locating place-names of early origin—just the same difficulties experienced by present bird students here on the Pacific Coast. Dr. Stephens says: "The authors of seventy-five years ago little realized how soon their locality terms would become obsolete; nor do we probably realize the changes which will take place in the next similar period of time. . . . Perhaps the only suggestion to be made is concerning the importance of including with every locality record, or list, a very full geographical description."

A notable feature of the May, 1933, issue of the *Murrelet* is Mr. F. S. Hall's account of the ornithological history of Washington State. After a general review of the early explorations of the northwest coast of North America, Archibald Menzies is dealt with at considerable length, he having been the "first naturalist to observe Washington birds", in May and June, 1792. Mr. Hall gives, with illuminating comment of his own, all the perti-



Fig. 34. JOHN G. TYLER: AUTHORITY ON THE BIRDS OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHOR OF "THE BIRDS OF THE FRESNO DISTRICT" (PACIFIC COAST AVIFAUNA NUMBER 9), MEMBER OF THE COOPER ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB SINCE 1905, AND NOW MEMBER OF ITS BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

nent excerpts from Menzies' journal. These are of special interest to anyone seeking to learn something about the primitive status of bird-life in areas now closely populated by mankind.—J. G.

Governmental reorganization in Manila has resulted in many changes recently in management and status of sundry divisions. Zoology in its various branches has been removed from the Bureau of Science, and, together with certain other activities, combined in a new departmental division, of the same standing as a "Bureau" and designated "Fish and Game Administration" of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce. The new division, besides zoological investigation, is concerned with oceanography; it has taken over "forest fauna" from the Bureau of Forestry, and it exercises supervision over game protection, fisheries, and the aquarium. Mr. Wallace Adams, formerly Director, Division of Fisheries, becomes Chief, and Insular Game Warden. Mr. Richard C. McGregor is made Chief of Publications of the Department, and will continue his editorial work on the Philippine Journal of Science. Mr. McGregor is Honorary Curator of Ornithology.—H.S.S.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at 8:00 p. m., Thursday, March 23, 1933, in Room 2003, Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with about seventy-five members and guests present and Vice-president Miller in the Chair. Minutes of the Northern Division for February were read and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division for February were read. The following proposals for membership were made: Albert R. Brand, 47 Park Ave., White Plains, N. Y., Ludlow Griscom, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Mass., and Mrs. Lotta Bean Schwerin, Hotel Solano, Vallejo, Calif., by J. Grinnell; and Mrs. Fred C. Laskey, Graybar Lane, Nashville, Tenn., by E. L. Sumner, Sr., through the Western Bird Banding Association. A second reading was given to the proposal of the name of Arthur Cleveland Bent for election to honorary membership in the Cooper Club and the Chair asked for a motion so ordering. The motion was made by Mr. Dixon and unanimously carried.

Mr. James Moffitt reported having seen four White-checked Geese near Eureka, at the mouth of the Eel River, and told of others seen in Oregon by Stanley Jewett.

Mr. Moffitt stated that there are fewer Black Brant at Tomales Bay this year than last but that the birds are a month earlier. At Willows he noted a flock of about 2500 Whistling Swans and at Tule Lake, Honey Lake and Pit River Lake flocks of about 700 each. He estimated that probably 20,000 of these birds winter on the west coast. Mr. Alden Miller reported hearing a Green-tailed Towhee in Strawberry Canyon on March 18. Mr. Donald McLean reported the finding of the mummified remains of a Black Pigeon Hawk near San Jose.

Mr. Joseph Dixon was the speaker of the evening and gave an illustrated talk upon "Birds of the 1932 Mt. McKinley Expedition." During his stay in Mount McKinley National Park, Mr. Dixon found 112 kinds of birds within the Park area. The heavy snows of an unusually severe winter hampered field work, and some species found in 1926 were not seen in 1932. No Surf-birds were seen and no Kennicott Willow Warblers. Along the coast Bald Eagles seemed about as plentiful as in 1907 in spite of the one dollar bounty which is paid. Mr. Dixon told entertainingly of his observations on the inter-relationships existing between denizens of the Park.

Adjourned.—HILDA W. GRINNELL, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

MARCH.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, March 28, 1933, at 8:00 p. m., in the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, Los Angeles. President Robertson occupied the Chair and about seventy members and guests were present.

Minutes of the Southern Division for February were read and approved. Minutes of the Northern Division for January and February were read by title only. The application of Oliver L. Austin, Jr., North Eastham, Cape Cod, Mass., proposed by Joseph Grinnell, was presented for membership.

At the request of the Chair, the secretary read the recommendation submitted by the Northern Division presenting Arthur Cleveland Bent, of Taunton, Massachusetts for Honorary Membership in the Cooper Ornithological Club. On motion by Dr. Loye Miller, seconded by Dr. Charles A. Warmer, and unanimously