

bered as one of his many constructive plans. That George Wright had dedicated his life to the cause of restoring and protecting our native wild-life is the inevitable conclusion of anyone

privileged to have worked with him or to have read the letters which he wrote from Washington during the last months of his life.—H. W. G.



Fig. 27. Hildegard Howard, Avian Paleontologist at the Los Angeles Museum; author of many contributions to our knowledge of the prehistoric bird faunas of the West.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS
NORTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, February 27, 1936, at 8 p.m. in Room 2503, Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with President Miller in the Chair and about 140 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for January were read and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division for January were read in part. The name of Mrs. Mary Van E. Ferguson, 1 Orchard Lane, Berkeley, Calif., was proposed for membership by the secretary, and that of

Mr. Frederick H. Test, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, Berkeley, Calif., by Alden H. Miller.

The Chairman spoke of the irreparable loss which the cause of wild life conservation has suffered in the death of George M. Wright and stated that a committee would be appointed to draw up appropriate resolutions.

Two members of the National Park Service, just returned from Washington where they attended the Wild Life Conference, reported upon its sessions. Mr. Joseph Dixon, the first speaker, told of the formation of the "General Wildlife Federation" and its aim to bring about more effective coöperation among the organizations concerned over the need for the protection of

wild birds and mammals. He spoke also of the helpful presence at the conference of representatives from Canada and Mexico. Mr. Lowell Sumner, Jr., then spoke of the proposed organization of the states into thirteen districts, of which California and Nevada would together constitute the twelfth. In each district some organization would provide leadership and keep affiliated groups informed as to ways in which they could render assistance. Mr. Sumner stated that in many of the eastern districts work is well under way under the supervision of Junior Chambers of Commerce.

The Chairman suggested that an expression of interest in this movement be voiced, and Mr. B. C. Cain moved that the Northern Division of the Cooper Club contact the local Junior Chamber of Commerce to learn whether it had taken up this work and to inform the Chamber of the Division's desire to cooperate. This motion was seconded by Mr. W. B. Davis and unanimously carried. Mr. L. W. Taylor moved that the Northern Division's standing committee on conservation study the matter of affiliation in the Wild Life Federation and report at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Dixon and unanimously carried. Mrs. A. S. Kibbe reminded the meeting of the fact that a bank balance still remains to the credit of the "California Associated Societies for the Conservation of Wild Life," which was organized in 1912, and suggested that this fund might be directed to the uses of the present Conservation Committee.

The Chairman, in calling for notes from the field, suggested that a written memorandum of any note intended to be entered in the minutes of the meeting be handed to the secretary, this in the interests of accuracy. Mr. W. B. Davis put the suggestion in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Mr. von Bloeker and duly carried. Several field reports of more than passing interest were given, and the record of a Ferruginous Rough-legged Hawk seen at Walnut Creek on February 8, 1936, was handed in by Walter Moore.

The program of the evening was given by Mr. Joseph Dixon, an illustrated talk upon "The Birds of Sequoia National Park." Mr. Dixon's comparison between the bird life of Yosemite Park and that of Sequoia was of much interest, and his account of the wintering of the grouse at higher levels than those which they occupy in summer was novel information to many of us. The series of slides from photographs taken by Mr. Dixon was augmented by three beautifully colored slides from paintings by Major Allan Brooks, of Mountain Bluebirds, Western Tanagers and Toltmie Warblers.

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

SOUTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, February 25, 1936, at 8 p.m., at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, with President Little in the chair, and about sixty members and guests present.

Minutes of the Southern Division for January were read and approved. Minutes of the Northern Division for January were read. Applications for membership were presented as follows: Fred Robert Zimmerman, Lock Drawer L, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, by W. Lee Chambers; Guy Emerson, 150 E. 73rd St., New York City, N. Y., by George Willett; Gordon B. Castle, State University of Montana, Missoula, Montana, by John McB. Robertson; Miss Elizabeth M. Gardiner, 618 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro, Calif., by Roland C. Ross.

Letters from Mrs. Grinnell and Alden Miller concerning the meetings of the Pacific Division, A. A. A. S., in Seattle next summer were read. Letters from Brazier Howell and Harold C. Bryant about their impressions of the North American Wildlife Conference held in Washington, D. C., were read. Wright Pierce reported that the notices for the coming Annual Meeting would be in the mail within a week. George Willett commented on the recent Avifauna, *The Birds of Nevada*, by Jean M. Linsdale.

Mrs. Law brought in a nest with the skeleton of the parent bird still on it. Examination proved it to be a Mockingbird. Howard Robertson reported that his pet flock of Bush-tits had departed for parts unknown, and that the Sparrow Hawk and Pigeon also had disappeared. Waxwings were reported common in several localities. Mr. Platford reported on the percentages of the various species of ducks and geese, and it was evident from the census taken last year that their numbers were greatly reduced. Mr. Presnall, of the National Park Service, was introduced and gave a short, interesting talk on the bird life of Zion National Park. Mr. Guy Emerson, of New York, gave a short talk on his reactions to the birds he had seen since he arrived in California. He also told of his recent experiences looking for the Ivory-billed Woodpeckers in northern Louisiana.

Mr. Ross reported the taking of a Burrowing Owl with a twisted lower mandible, and commented on the insects that it had eaten. Howard Robertson reported seeing an Inca Dove in his back yard. George Willett spoke of the reported death of George Wright in an auto accident in New Mexico, on that day. A tray of tropical bird skins was brought out by Mr. Willett and after adjournment they were examined.

Adjourned.—SIDNEY B. PEYTON, *Secretary*.