

NOTES AND NEWS

It is not too late to plan to attend the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club, March 22 to 24, in Los Angeles. Headquarters will be at the Los Angeles Museum, Exposition Park, and the presentation of papers will begin there on Friday morning, the 22nd. The annual banquet will be held on Saturday evening, and on Sunday there are to be field trips. The spring season this year should especially attract naturalists to southern California where, we are informed, the flowering of desert plants is especially profuse.—A. H. M.

In a recent news bulletin of the Department of the Interior there is announced the transfer of the Wildlife Division of the National Park Service to the Bureau of Biological Survey. Policies of this Division are now to be guided jointly by the Park Service and the Bureau of Biological Survey. Special pains are taken in the announcement to assure that there will be continuance of the Park Service's admirable policies of wildlife preservation. In the confusion sometimes prevailing in a bureaucratic system, it is well to have reiterated such clear statements as these regarding the complete protection of natural conditions. We sincerely hope that the ideals expressed may be kept in sharp focus under the new organization.—A. H. M.

The Committee on Scientific Aids to Learning, President Conant of Harvard, chairman, has made a grant to cover the cost of making a microfilm master negative, on the most expensive film, of sets of volumes of scientific and learned journals. This permits the non-profit Bibliofilm Service to supply microfilm copies at the sole positive copy cost, namely, one cent per page for odd volumes, or a special rate of one-half cent per page for any properly copyable ten or more consecutive volumes. The number of pages will be estimated on request to the American Documentation Institute, care office of Science Service, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington, D. C.

We should like to call to the attention of prospective authors the inadequacy of typewritten labels on drawings or graphs to be reproduced in the Condor as line cuts. Except for legends beneath or outside the margins of the figures themselves, labels should be printed in India ink. Various printing devices are available on the market which can be used to make good letters

by those who do not have special skill in free-hand lettering. Typewritten letters are not sufficiently black to reproduce well, and also, they are of a style that is out of keeping with the finished appearance of the Condor which we strive to attain. The editors have no means of correcting drawings, either as regards line work or lettering, except by doing it themselves. At times we have sought the aid of our friends and associates in these matters, but we feel that we should not impose upon people in this way.—A. H. M.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

SOUTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Los Angeles Museum, on Tuesday, October 31, 1939, at 8:15 p.m., with about 75 members and guests attending, and President Peyton presiding.

The minutes of the September meeting of the Southern Division were read and corrected by the deletion of the remarks concerning the mutilation of the metal band used on the Condor. Mr. Pemberton had since discovered that the band was not mutilated, but merely dirty.

Three applications for membership were read as follows: David L. Garrison, 121 Highland Street, West Newton, Massachusetts, proposed by W. Lee Chambers; Malcolm Ray Miller, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif., and Miss Elizabeth F. Sprague, Fullerton Union High School, Fullerton, Calif., by Loye Miller.

The Secretary announced the receipt of an offer from Science Service to Cooper Club members for special subscription rate of \$3.00 yearly to Science News Letter, a weekly publication regularly priced at \$5.00. The reduced rate is offered to members of scientific societies. The Secretary asked that Cooper Club members who are interested speak to her in order to arrange for the necessary application cards. Dr. Bishop supplemented the announcement with a few words on the merit of the publication.

A letter from the Los Angeles Audubon Society with announcement of scheduled meeting dates was read.

Mr. Ed N. Harrison then took over the meeting and showed a series of excellent color slides of a trip off the coast of Mexico taken in 1938 on Mr. Pemberton's yacht, and another series