

NOTES AND NEWS

Members of the Cooper Ornithological Club are reminded of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting, which is to be held in Berkeley, California, on April 11 and 12, 1941. Compilation of the scientific program must be finished shortly after the appearance of this issue of the Condor. Members who plan to appear on the program should, therefore, transmit titles of their papers to the Committee on Arrangements without delay. The field trip to the Los Baños region in Merced County, planned for Sunday, April 13, should make possible the participation of many southern members who will be returning to the Los Angeles area by automobile.

We are happy to learn that Mr. Jean Delacour has been able to come to this country following his disastrous losses in France this last year. He is now serving as consultant to the New York Zoological Society, where his experience in aviculture should be of inestimable value.—A.H.M.

For some time we have been aware of an ill-advised practice followed in some journals in the titling of illustrations. Either through lack of details, or sometimes through seemingly deliberate ambiguity, the reader is allowed to make incorrect inferences about places where pictures were taken. Examples may be found in *The Audubon Magazine* (née *Bird-Lore*). In the November-December issue for 1940 on page 496 appears a photograph introducing an article by Ira N. Gabrielson on bird concentrations in Alaska. This picture apparently was supplied by the magazine to supplement the illustrations submitted by the author. The picture in question is one taken at Point Reyes, Marin County, California, and shows murre and cormorants. The photographer, Laidlaw Williams, is credited, but the legend reads: "Cormorants were present in numerous small groups, but Murres were everywhere along the hundreds of miles of rockbound coast of Alaska." The inference is natural that the birds pictured were in Alaska unless one is familiar with Mr. Williams' activities or unless one has come to know in detail the spot which is shown, as some of us have in this instance.—A.H.M.

The San Bernardino Chapter of the Cooper Ornithological Club has been meeting regularly through the past winter months, and with good attendance. Mr. Oscar F. Clarke, the secretary, reports that recent speakers before the group

have been James B. Dixon, Edmund C. Jaeger, and John B. Treudge.

We learn with interest of a California convention of the Audubon Society planned for May 10 and 11, 1941, at Asilomar, Monterey County. Mr. Bert Harwell, California representative of the Society, will be able to supply interested ornithologists with further details about this meeting. We look forward with pleasant anticipation to this first state-wide gathering of the Society.—A.H.M.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS
SOUTHERN DIVISION

NOVEMBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Los Angeles Museum on Tuesday, November 26, 1940, with Vice-president Hildegard Howard in the chair and 23 members and guests present.

The minutes of the October meeting of the Southern Division were read and approved. Four applications for membership were read, as follows: Dorothea B. Fox, 1035 W. 35th St., Los Angeles, and Robert L. Rutherford, 4415 Victoria Park Dr., Los Angeles, proposed by Frances L. Cramer; Sally Carrighar, Room 302, Montgomery Block, San Francisco, by Joseph S. Dixon, and Franklin French, Rolling Hills, California, by Blanche Vignos.

Letters were read regarding the forthcoming meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at Pasadena, California, June 16-21, 1941. The Chair appointed, as a committee to consider advisability of Cooper Club participation in this meeting: Loye Miller, Chairman, George Willett and Sherwin F. Wood. Owing to the fact that the last Tuesday in December comes on New Year's eve, it was voted to hold the December meeting of the Southern Division on Tuesday, December 17.

The speakers of the evening were Mr. J. Fred Wohnus and Mr. Dwight Ryerson, Department of Zoology, University of California at Los Angeles, who gave an illustrated preliminary report on the occurrence of blood parasites in local birds.

Parasitization was found in 63 per cent of one group of birds, many new host records being among those listed. Of the birds examined, towhees, thrashers and California Jays were most heavily parasitized.