

## NOTES AND NEWS

By the death on September 29, 1941, of Commander Henry E. Parmenter, the Cooper Ornithological Club lost one of its most active observers in the field. He and Mrs. Parmenter recorded observations for more than 1700 days during their residence in San Francisco, beginning in the fall of 1930. In this vicinity their attention was given to shore birds rather than to the smaller terrestrial species. The preceding period of ten years was spent at Santa Barbara, where field work was done at times with William L. Dawson and Ralph Hoffmann. After his appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy on October 1, 1880, Commander Parmenter spent his entire life in the Naval Service. His last active service was as Assistant Commandant of the 12th Naval District during the World War. His interest in biology and especially in birds was aroused in his two periods of service on the U.S.S. Albatross, covering nearly four years.—J.M.L.

Award of the Brewster Memorial Medal for 1941 was made to the late Donald R. Dickey and to A. J. van Rossem for their excellent work on the birds of El Salvador. It is gratifying to see this well merited honor come to Pacific coast ornithologists and to members of the Cooper Ornithological Club.—A.H.M.

The index for this volume of *The Condor* was prepared by Miss Selma Werner, who thus again has rendered a great service to users of information published in the magazine.

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

**JULY.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Los Angeles Museum on Tuesday, July 24, 1941, with President Howard in the chair and about eighty members and guests present. The minutes of the June meeting of the Southern Division were read, approved and corrected.

President Howard introduced Mr. James B. Dixon and his son Howard, who presented a motion picture in color depicting the life history of the Red-bellied Hawk. They also showed Kodachrome slides of the nesting birds of the Mono Basin. The pictures were beautiful and instructive, and were enjoyed by all present.

Following the pictures, the meeting was opened for questions and observations. Dr. McCoy mentioned large numbers of Wilson Phalaropes seen by him in the Mono Basin in the fall in comparison with the smaller number of nesting birds in the spring.

Adjourned.—IRWIN D. NOKES, *Secretary*.

**AUGUST.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at the Los Angeles Museum on Tuesday, August 26, 1941, with President Hildgarde Howard in the chair and about 78 members and guests present. The minutes of the July meeting of the Southern Division were approved as read.

The following applications for membership were read: Joost ter Pelkwyk, Kananweg, Batavia, Java, Netherlands East Indies, proposed by Mrs. Margaret M. Nice; Dr. Arthur Trevenning Harris, 275 Broadway, Laguna Beach, California, and Mrs. Ruth Ebert, 413 Shore Drive, Monette, Washington, proposed by Dr. Hildgarde Howard.

George Willett made a motion, which was seconded by Howard Robertson, that the application of a certain candidate, whose name was not read, be referred for investigation by the Board of Governors. The motion was put to question and carried.

Mr. Willett read a resolution opposing the opening of the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Arizona to prospecting and mining. A motion for the adoption of the resolution made by Dr. C. A. Warner, seconded by C. O. Reis, was unanimously carried.

President Howard introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Arthur T. Harris, who presented three motion pictures in color. The first one depicted Herring and Ring-billed gulls and Caspian Terns in Wisconsin. The second was of the Marsh Hawk, Great Blue Heron, American and Least bitterns and Virginia, Sora and King rails in an Indiana swamp. The third picture was of the Red-headed Woodpecker and the Bluebird.

The meeting was then opened to discussion and observation.

Adjourned.—IRWIN D. NOKES, *Secretary*.

## NORTHERN DIVISION

**JULY.**—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, July 24, 1941, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, Berkeley, with President E. Lowell Sumner, Jr., in the chair and 78 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for June were read, corrected and approved.

Mr. Sumner described the sea bird colony at Cape Lookout, Oregon. California Murres, Pigeon Guillemots and Western Gulls were abundant the last week in June. The state of Oregon has asked the Park Service to keep the area as a reserve comparable to Point Lobos. Mrs. Kelly reported that on the rocks at Requa, the murres were present in uncountable numbers in the first week in