

## NOTES AND NEWS

John T. Zimmer, of the American Museum of Natural History, has been elected Editor of the Auk to succeed the late Glover M. Allen. Mr. Zimmer brings to this post his extensive experience in publication, and we anticipate a high degree of efficiency and accuracy in the handling of the journal.—A.H.M.

We report with deep regret the passing of C. Hart Merriam and Vernon Bailey, both senior members of the Cooper Ornithological Club and distinguished for their work on birds as well as for their special eminence in the field of mammalogy.

There is a demand for information as to current wildlife research being conducted throughout the United States. In order to supply this the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will endeavor to assemble and release annually such information in condensed form. It is therefore suggested that you send before June 1, 1942, to the Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C., any titles of research problems upon which you may be working, with year of probable completion, and your name and address.—W. B. BELL, *Division of Wildlife Research*.

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held Friday, April 3, to Sunday, April 5, 1942, at the Natural History Museum, Balboa Park, San Diego, California. Friday morning the meeting was opened with a welcome extended to members and visitors by Clinton G. Abbott, Chairman of the Local Committee. Howard Robertson, president of the Board of Directors, spoke in response for the visiting members of the Club.

After the annual business session, the following papers were presented: Some observations on birds harboring blood parasites, by Sherwin F. Wood; Territoriality and related problems in hummingbirds, by Frank A. Pitelka (read by title only); Succession in the cathartid dynasty, by Loye H. Miller (read by title only); State scientific collecting permits, by Clinton G. Abbott; The birds of the piñon association in the Death Valley region (illustrated with slides), by Alden H. Miller; Some birds as possible carriers of disease among the giant cacti (illustrated with slides), by Elizabeth S. Arnold.

Friday afternoon: Life history of the red-bellied hawk (a Kodachrome motion picture), by James B. Dixon; The white pelicans of Clear Lake, Modoc County, California (a Kodachrome motion picture), by Ed N. Harrison and Frances Roberts; Sex recognition in valley quail, by John

T. Emlen, Jr.; Studies on the life-history and distribution of the phainopepla (illustrated with slides), by James E. Crouch; Weight-carrying capacity of eagles (illustrated with slides), by Lewis W. Walker; Some recent bird records from the lower Colorado River Valley (illustrated with slides), by Lee W. Arnold; To the tip of Lower California (illustrated with slides), by Frank F. Gander; Sierra birds and their nests (a Kodachrome motion picture), by James B. Dixon).

Saturday morning: Movements of immature gulls (from records of the Pacific gull color-banding project), by Grace Sargent; The story of the African peacock (*Afropavo*) (illustrated with slides), by T. D. A. Cockerell; Color shots at owls and herons (illustrated with slides), by Lewis W. Walker; Home life of the broad-tailed hummingbird (a Kodachrome motion picture), by Wilmatte P. Cockerell; Birds of an inland lake (a Kodachrome motion picture), by Ed Harrison and Frances Roberts; the western grebe: a life history contribution (a Kodachrome motion picture), by Stanley G. Jewett.

In the afternoon members and their friends were guests of the San Diego Zoological Society. At 2 p.m. the group met in the grounds of the Zoological Park and were accorded greetings by Mrs. Belle J. Benchley, Executive Secretary of the Zoological Society. The entire afternoon was devoted to enjoyment of the wonderful collection of animal life assembled there.

On Saturday evening, approximately 75 members and guests attended the annual dinner in the Gold Room, at the U. S. Grant Hotel. Ed Harrison and Frances Roberts presented their excellent new Kodachrome motion picture, "Birds of the Pacific Coast." In addition, members were particularly fortunate in being able to hear anecdotes and highlights on early days of the Cooper Ornithological Club from two of the founders, Harry R. Painton and Wilfred H. Osgood.

On Sunday, very enjoyable visits were made to the homes and museums of Ed Harrison at Encinitas and James B. Dixon at Escondido. Also fine opportunities for observation of aquatic birds were afforded at Lake Hodges, Mission Bay, and Buena Vista Lagoon, Carlsbad.—JACK C. VON BLOEKER, JR., *Secretary, Southern Division*.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The business session was called to order in the lecture hall of the Natural History Museum, Balboa Park, San Diego, California, at 9:30 a.m., Friday, April 3, 1942, with President Howard Robertson in the chair and George Willett acting as Secretary.

The minutes of the 1941 Annual Meeting were read and approved.