

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.

The Chairman appointed as a committee to examine proxies, Laurence M. Huey, Chairman, Irwin D. Nokes and Walter Richardson, and as a committee to present nominations for Directors for the ensuing year, Clinton G. Abbott, Chairman, Joseph Dixon, Ed N. Harrison, Stanley G. Jewett and George G. Cantwell.

The meeting then adjourned to meet in the same room at 9:30 a.m., April 4, 1942.

The business session was resumed at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, April 4, 1942, in the lecture hall of the Natural History Museum, Balboa Park, San Diego, California, with President Howard Robertson presiding.

The Proxy Committee reported that, of a total membership of 876, 40 members were present in person and 414 were represented by proxies. The Chairman therefore declared a quorum present.

The Secretary reported election by the two divisions of the Club since the last Annual Meeting of 52 members, from and including Number 1230 on the Club Membership Roster, to and including Number 1281 on said roster. On motion by George Willett, seconded by Joseph Dixon and duly carried, the election of these members was ratified.

The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations for Directors for the ensuing year: John S. Appleton, W. Lee Chambers, Hilda W. Grinnell, Jean M. Linsdale, Alden H. Miller, J. R. Pemberton, Howard Robertson, John McB. Robertson and George Willett. On motion by Eric C. Kinsey, seconded by Louis B. Bishop and duly carried, the nominations were closed and the nominees declared elected.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.—GEORGE WILLETT, *Secretary*.

NORTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, February 26, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 212 Wheeler Hall, University of California, Berkeley, with Vice-president R. M. Bond in the chair and about 40 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division for January were read and approved. There was one proposal for membership: Jack Chalmers Culbreath, 2412 Channing Way, Berkeley, by Seth B. Benson.

Field notes were numerous. Mrs. Kelly had made particular note of a Pileolated Warbler in Alameda on February 24, only to find that her neighbor, a reliable observer, could report one present all winter. Mrs. Sheldon described a case of partial albinism in a Red-winged Blackbird seen at the Berkeley Aquatic Park. She had seen a Black-necked Stilt and hundreds of Avocets at Dumbarton Bridge on February 22. Milton Seibert reported an Allen Hummingbird in Oakland on February 9, while Mr. Harwell

could give February 6 as the date of an observation at Woodside, San Mateo County. Mr. Seibert also told of finding the nest of a Golden Eagle, with eggs, near Livermore. Mr. Bond had found six White-tailed Kites in Ventura County; one pair was beginning nesting activities. Numbers of Band-tailed Pigeons were reported by several observers in different localities.

Mrs. Grinnell quoted a letter from Dr. Parkinson of Estates Drive, Piedmont, reporting 30 or 40 Band-tailed Pigeons in the pines; they suddenly increased to 70 on February 14. Mrs. Allen reported that Forster Terns had been here all winter, 5 to 7 being seen at the Aquatic Park; they are usually fewer in number.

Introducing his talk on Birds of the Kings Canyon National Park, Mr. Joseph Dixon showed a choice collection of Kodachrome slides, illustrating the ecology of the region. The area is peculiarly lacking in records, and is critical as a meeting place of forms from southern California with Sierran forms from Yosemite.

Adjourned.—FRANCES CARTER, *Recording Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

FEBRUARY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, February 24, 1942, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, Los Angeles, with President Sherwin F. Wood in the chair and 39 members and guests present. Minutes of the Southern Division for January, 1942, were read and approved. The following applications for membership were read: John W. Aldrich, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C., proposed by John McB. Robertson; Jack Craig Couffer, 1625 Country Club Drive, Glendale, Calif., proposed by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.; Clyde Farson, 1422 Norton Avenue, Glendale, Calif., proposed by Walter W. Bennett; Samuel W. Gadd, 1331 N. Weber St., Colorado Springs, Colo., proposed by Mrs. N. Edward Ayer; and Mrs. Margaret P. Mahan, 4127 West 62nd St., Los Angeles, Calif., proposed by Hildegarde Howard.

President Wood announced that because of the Annual Meeting of the entire club to be held in San Diego, April 3 to 5, there will be no March meeting of the Southern Division.

It was announced that the Hancock Foundation is glad to be able to cooperate with the Cooper Club and that the matter of the fee for the use of the meeting room has been taken care of. This information met with unanimous approval.

President Wood then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Arthur T. Harris, of Laguna Beach, California, whose subject was "The Nesting Habits of Some Indiana and California Birds." The topic was illustrated with a fine collection of Kodachrome slides.

Adjourned.—JACK C. VON BLOEKER, JR., *Secretary*.