

NOTES AND NEWS



Fig. 48. A. J. van Rossem, President of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club, and Curator of the Dickey Collections, University of California, Los Angeles.

At a recent meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union in New York the following were elected to full membership: Robert P. Allen, Richard M. Bond, Maurice G. Brooks, Amelia R. Laskey, Eugene P. Odum, William H. Phelps, Charles W. Walker.

Dr. Harvey I. Fisher of the editorial staff of the Condor leaves Berkeley in January to take a position in the Zoology Department at the University of Hawaii.

We note in the recent report of the Committee on Bird Protection of the American Ornithologists' Union (*Auk*, 61, 1944:634) recommendation for special restriction on collecting of the California Clapper Rail. Although the condition of this rail need be watched, its numbers are still large, as ornithologists in the San Francisco Bay region are well aware. Possibly more critical is the status of the Light-footed Clapper Rail of southern California. On the other hand the White-tailed Kite is in real danger in California. Yet the Com-

mittee does not recommend as rigid protection for it as for the rails. Probably in California the position of the kite is quite as precarious as that of the California Condor.—A.H.M.

MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

JULY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Thursday, July 27, 1944, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 2503 Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley, with President Robert C. Miller in the chair and about 50 members and guests present. Minutes of the Northern Division were read and approved. Minutes of the Southern Division for March were read by title; those for April were read. F. Bert Fernoff, 1503 Central Bank Bldg., Oakland 12, Calif., was proposed for membership by Joseph S. Dixon; Wade Fox, Jr., Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, was proposed by Frank Pitelka.

Alden Miller made a motion, which was passed unanimously, that the secretary send the best wishes of the Club to Mrs. Amelia S. Allen and their sincere regrets for her illness. Nesting on June 3 of Hooded Orioles in a palm on the Hayward High School grounds was reported by Amy Rhinehart. She also reported Western Gulls nesting under the Bay Bridge.

Mr. Joseph S. Dixon, Field Naturalist of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, gave an interesting account of "Spring Birding at Crater Lake" in the period from May 10 to June 8 of this year. He noted the unusually late nesting of birds because of delayed cold weather; nearly all the "early nesters" used holes. Among the "high spots" of the bird observations on the beaver ponds were: nesting Wood Ducks, Oregon Ruffed Grouse in a cottonwood swamp where it is too dry for beaver, and a male Pileolated Woodpecker trying to attract a mate. Mr. Dixon's remarks were illustrated with beautiful Kodachrome slides of the region which showed the habitats of the birds he mentioned.

Adjourned.—ALICE S. MULFORD, *Recording Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

JUNE.—The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held on Tuesday, June 27, 1944, at 8:00 p.m., in Room 145, Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, with A. J. van Rossem presiding.

Minutes of the annual outdoor meeting of