

## NOTES AND NEWS

The Allan Brooks collection of birds has been given to the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology and is now being unpacked and arranged at the Museum's quarters in Berkeley. Approximately 9000 specimens were received; these are in addition to those which Major Brooks previously had given to that institution.

The San Diego Society of Natural History announces the death of Clinton G. Abbott who had for the past twenty-four years been the director of its museum. During the tenure of his office he had built up the museum from a purely local institution to one of the more important organizations of its kind in the country. In appreciation of his character and in recognition of his services to the museum, the society has established a fund to be known as the Clinton G. Abbott Memorial Publication Fund, all contributions to which shall be invested, and the interest alone used to finance the enlarged publication program of the society. Friends and admirers of Clinton Abbott, wherever they may be situated, are invited to contribute. Checks should be made payable to the San Diego Society of Natural History, marked "Abbott Memorial Fund," and mailed to Arthur C. Wells, Treasurer, % San Diego Trust and Savings Bank, 540 Broadway, San Diego, California.

An interesting pamphlet, entitled "A Program of Desirable Scientific Investigations in Arctic North America," has been published as Bulletin No. 1 (March, 1946) of the Arctic Institute of North America, with headquarters in Montreal. Included is a list of suggestions for ornithological work prepared by Dr. Herbert Friedmann of the United States National Museum. Suggestions are classified according to "areas still unknown or poorly known ornithologically" and "species problems." To the latter list we would add a study of local populations of the White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*). From so frequently visited a place as Churchill, we have no conclusive information on the interrelations of *Z. l. leucophrys* and *Z. l. gambelii* which occur there together. This is a situation of considerable theoretical interest. For a clear statement of this problem, see Taverner and Sutton, *Annals of the Carnegie Museum*, 23, 1934:77-79.—F. A. P.

Preparation of the biennial Cooper Club roster which appears in this issue is the work of John McB. Robertson. Hilda W. Grinnell has aided in checking addresses and in reading proof. The Club is grateful to these members for this important service.

## MINUTES OF COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held in Berkeley, California, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 17, 18, and 19, 1946.

The program was arranged by a committee of the Northern Division. Papers were well grouped, and each session was planned to allow ample time for discussion of each paper. The tedium which frequently characterizes continuous sessions of papers was markedly absent. Papers presented were as follows:

May 17, morning session, Sumner C. Brooks presiding. Survival in Banded Birds, Jean M. Linsdale; The Spotted Towhees of the Mexican Highlands: A Preview, Charles G. Sibley; Aggressive Behavior in Anna and Allen Hummingbirds, Frank A. Pitelka; An Ancestral Golden Eagle Raises a Question in Taxonomy, Hildegard Howard; Occurrence of the Song Sparrow in Salt Marsh Habitat in California, Joe T. Marshall, Jr.

May 17, afternoon session, Ed N. Harrison presiding. Parasitology's Contribution to Bird Classification, Carlton M. Herman; Ornithological Note from Mendocino County, 860 A. D., Robert C. Miller; The Avifaunal Affinities of the St. Matthias Group, Bismark Archipelago, Charles G. Sibley; Observations on Local Distribution and Behavior of Dusky and Ruffed Grouse in Central Idaho in Autumn, Robert T. Orr; The Boreal Avifauna of California and its Subdivisions, Alden H. Miller.

May 18, morning session, C. V. Duff presiding. The Role of the Male Black-headed Grosbeak at the Nest, Henry Weston, Jr.; Jays of the Genus *Aphelocoma*, Frank A. Pitelka; Notes on Sea Birds off San Francisco, Robert W. Storer; Notes on Nesting of Red-throated Loon on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Theed Pearse (read by title only); A Study of Variation in Length of Humerus and Femur in *Aphelocoma californica* and *Cyanocitta stelleri*, Grace Crowe; Breeding Birds of the Forest-edge in Illinois, Verna R. Johnston; Foods of Chukar Partridges in Nevada, Frank Richardson.

May 18, afternoon session, Sumner C. Brooks presiding. Field Observations on "Sibling Species" of *Halcyon* in Micronesia, Joe T. Marshall, Jr.; The Status of the California Condor, 1946, Carl Koford (illustrated by Kodachrome slides taken by Ed Harrison and Francis Roberts); The Flight of Albatrosses and Other Sea Birds, Robert C. Miller; An Experiment on Form Perception in the Western House Wren (illustrated by motion picture), Kenneth Gordon; Some Southwest Owls, Loye Miller.