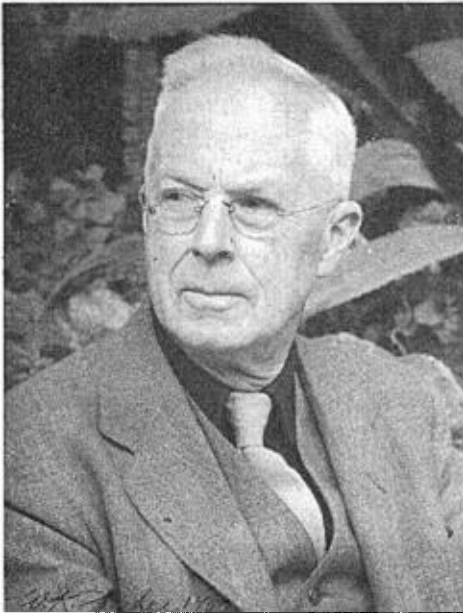


NOTES AND NEWS



Walter K. Fisher, member of the Club since 1900 and Editor of the Condor, 1902-1905.

The frontispiece showing the Derby or Kiskadee Flycatcher in this issue of the Condor is the fourteenth in the series of paintings of Andrew Jackson Grayson presented in color. The Cooper Club is indebted to the James Irvine Foundation for this plate; their generous gift was made to commemorate the Society of California Pioneers of which Grayson was a charter member.

Of the Derby Flycatcher, Grayson wrote in his notes: "It is . . . frequently met with in the neighborhood of fresh water streams and lagoons, and I have often observed them dart into the water, after water insects and minnows that were swimming near the surface, not unlike the Kingfisher, but they usually pursue and capture on the wing the larger kinds of insects.

"The nest of this species is very large. It is dome-shaped, or covered, with the entrance on the side [and] is usually placed in the forks of the branches of very thorny trees, twenty-five or thirty feet from the ground. It is composed of very coarse material of either straw or lichens, sometimes both. The lining however, is of finer and more elastic fibres.

"It was in the nest of this bird that I discovered the Red-eyed black bird [= Cowbird, *Tan-*

gavius aeneus] in its attempt to examine it, doubtless for the purpose of depositing her eggs. But the vigilance of the flycatcher was too acute to permit this. . . . The sly intruder was discovered and hurried away, just as it was about to enter the nest. I was much interested in this manoeuvre, as I was in hopes that the blackbird would have succeeded, and thus settle a doubt as to whether [it] deposits its eggs in other bird's nests as its near ally *M. Pecoris* [*Molothrus ater*] is known to do."

COOPER CLUB MEETINGS

GOVERNORS' MEETING

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Cooper Ornithological Club was held at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California, on April 20, 1951. President Ed N. Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with the following members present: Howard L. Cogswell, C. V. Duff, Wade Fox, Dorothy Groner, Wilson C. Hanna, Ed N. Harrison, Hildegard Howard, Junea W. Kelly, C. B. Lastreto, Jean M. Linsdale, Alden H. Miller, Robert T. Orr, J. R. Pemberton, William J. Sheffler, Charles G. Sibley, and Kenneth E. Stager. Guests present were: Lois Taylor, Hilda W. Grinnell and Stanley G. Jewett.

Minutes of the twenty-fifth meeting were read and corrected. The report of the business manager was submitted by C. V. Duff; some of the points noted were as follows: the directors had authorized the sale of the "G" bonds held by the Club and the investment of the funds in stocks approved by the investment committee; the Club had weathered successfully the critical period resulting from the raising of membership dues; very few members were lost because of this increase.

The report of the editor was presented by A. H. Miller with discussion of the manuscript docket. Because of the wide scope of articles submitted, the editors have enlisted the help of an advisory committee which will help the editors pass on the merits of various papers offered. The report stated that Avifauna number 30, the Fifth Ten Year Index is ready for publication.

Dr. Frank Pitelka was nominated for president of the Board, Dr. Robert T. Orr for vice-president, and Dr. Charles G. Sibley for secretary. Mr. Duff moved that the nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot; motion carried.

A call for new business was made and Mr. Duff