

NOTES AND NEWS

In conjunction with the AAAS meetings to be held in Berkeley, California, from December 26 to 31, 1954, the Cooper Ornithological Society will sponsor a session for the presentation of scientific papers. Those interested in contributing and wishing to apply for time on the program should write to the chairman of the committee in charge of planning, Dr. Robert T. Orr, California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California.

At the summer meetings of the Western Division of the AAAS, a program of papers on birds and mammals was co-sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Society and the Cooper Ornithological Society. The meeting occurred on June 22, 1954, at the State College of Washington, Pullman, Washington. Papers dealing with birds were presented by George E. Hudson, Donald S. Farner, and Robert C. Miller.

A geographic tally of the membership list published in this issue shows that the Cooper Ornithological Society is represented in all states and territories of the United States and in 34 foreign countries. The percentage distribution of the 1502 members listed is as follows: California, 44.8 per cent; states east of the Mississippi, 26.8 per cent; other states west of the Mississippi together with Alaska and Hawaii, 20.6 per cent; Canada, 3.4 per cent; European countries, 1.7 per cent; Latin American countries, Africa, India, China, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand, 2.7 per cent.

Changes of address should be sent to Mr. Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr., the Society's Advertising and Circulation Manager.

We report with regret the death on June 11, 1954, of Harry Harris, a member of the Cooper Ornithological Society since 1911 and elected to Honorary Membership in 1950. He will be remembered particularly for his monographic paper on the California Condor in which information on this species available to 1900 was reviewed and for his biography of Robert Ridgway. These papers appeared in the Condor, in 1941 and 1928, respectively. Earlier, Harris studied birds near Kansas City, Missouri, and his "Birds of the Kansas City Region" was published in 1919 by the Academy of Science of St. Louis.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

ANNUAL MEETING

The Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held at the University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, April 22-24, 1954. The meetings were opened by addresses of welcome from local civic and university officers and by a response from J. R. Pemberton, President of the Board of Directors.

The following scientific papers were presented on April 22nd:

Variations in Bird Populations in the Lower Colorado Valley, by Gale Monson (read by A. R. Phillips); Ecology of the Birds of Utah, a Summary, by A. M. Woodbury; Winter Birdlife of the Black Mesa Country of Oklahoma, by G. M. Sutton; Defense versus Exclusiveness in the Definition of Territory, by F. A. Pitelka; The Birds of the Sierra del Carmen, Coahuila, by A. H. Miller; The Birds of Guadalupe Island, Baja California, by T. R. Howell and Tom Cade; Interspecific Competition in Owls of the Genus *Otus*, by J. T. Marshall, Jr.; Safety in Numbers, by John Davis; Warbler Migration in the Southwest, a symposium with J. T. Marshall, Jr., A. H. Miller, and A. R. Phillips as participants.

On Thursday evening, motion pictures entitled "Wings over the Mangroves" and "Phantom of the Marshes" were shown by Bayard W. Read.

The following scientific papers were presented on April 23rd: Pleistocene Birds from the Mohave Desert Region of California, by Hildegard Howard; Daily Observations of the Intimate Happenings as an Anna Hummingbird Raises Her Family, by Junea W. Kelly; The Relation of Breeding Biology to Climate in Song Sparrows of the Pacific Coast, by R. F. Johnston; Observations on the Hoary Redpoll at Umiat, Alaska, by P. H. Baldwin; The Breeding Season in Relation to Insect Abundance at Point Barrow, Alaska, by F. A. Pitelka; The Biology of Some *Aimophila* Sparrows, by A. R. Phillips; Remarks and Observations on the Water Fowl (Anatidae), by Jean Delacour; Will Another Anatid Establish Itself in Southeastern Arizona?, by L. L. Hargrave; Birds, Beasts and the Rainbow, a motion picture presented by E. R. Kalmbach; A Boat Trip through the Grand Canyon, a motion picture presented by Tad Nichols.

On Friday evening, J. R. Pemberton presided as master of ceremonies at the annual banquet. The evening was concluded with a motion pic-