

NOTES AND NEWS

Dates for the Annual Meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Society in Seattle in June of this year have been changed to the 15th, 16th, and 17th, Friday to Sunday. These earlier dates were necessitated by corresponding changes in the meeting time of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The Assistant Editors of *The Condor*, Richard F. Johnston and Robert K. Selander, leave the editorial headquarters of the journal in the spring semester of this year to take new academic positions at New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and the University of Texas, respectively. Their assistance in the editing of *The Condor* will be sorely missed, and the senior editors take this occasion to express heartfelt thanks to them for the extensive and skillful aid they have given.—A.H.M.

The Frank M. Chapman Fund was established to provide financial assistance to individuals conducting research in any branch of ornithology. The awards are usually made to younger scientists, in particular graduate students, but there are no hard and fast restrictions. Applicants should bear in mind that the field stations operated by the American Museum of Natural History are frequently suitable and available for ornithological as well as other types of scientific work. The Archbold Biological Station at Lake Placid, Florida, the Southwestern Biological Station in the Chiricahua Mountains of Arizona, and the Lerner Marine Station at Bimini, British West Indies, as well as the collections and laboratories of the Museum itself should be mentioned in this connection. When research sponsored by the Chapman Memorial Fund involves collecting, it is expected that, after completion of the study, a representative series of specimens will be contributed to the collection of the Museum. A copy of any published results of work supported in whole or in part by this Fund should be submitted for the record and will, it is hoped, give credit to the Fund for the aid received.

Annual awards are made from the Chapman Fund during the month of April. Applications should be received before March 31 of the year in question. Each applicant should state clearly

the nature of the proposed research and give a careful estimate of the financial requirements of the project. Letters of recommendation should, whenever possible, be included. All correspondence should be directed to the Chairman, Chapman Memorial Fund Committee, Department of Birds, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York 24, New York. The present members of the Committee are Dean Amadon, Walter W. Naumburg, Albert E. Parr, George Gaylord Simpson, and John T. Zimmer, Chairman.

COOPER SOCIETY MEETINGS

NORTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on October 6, 1955, at the University of California, Berkeley. The following names were proposed for membership: George E. Lippert, Brown Road Albion, N.Y., and John M. Burns, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley 4, Calif., by R. K. Selander; and Mrs. Harriet Pauline Thomas, 32 Stoddard Way, Berkeley 8, Calif., by Junea W. Kelly.

Eric Reynolds described conflicts between the human population and several bird species on Midway Island, which he visited during the summer. Howard Cogswell reported a probable Ashy Petrel at Bay Farm Island on September 23.

Alden H. Miller of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology spoke on the "Birds of Mountaintop Islands in Nevada and California" and illustrated his talk with colored photographs.—RALPH J. RAITT, *Secretary*.

NOVEMBER.—The regular meeting of the Northern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on November 3, 1955, at the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Robert Galati, 345 Leicester Ave., Duluth, Minn., was proposed for membership by C. V. Duff.

Howard Cogswell presented an oral communication in the form of a request for members in the Oakland area to watch for and count Robins flying at sunset toward Joaquin Miller Park where there is a roosting site used by an estimated minimum of 20,000 Robins.

The speaker of the evening was Edward S. Ross of the California Academy of Sciences. His topic was "A Naturalist in the Andes"; the lecture was well illustrated by colored slides.—RALPH J. RAITT, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

OCTOBER.—The monthly meeting of the Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Society was held on October 25, 1955, at the Los Angeles County Museum. The following were proposed for membership: Morgan Monroe, 2802 N. 21st St., Phoenix, Ariz., and Charlotte L. O'Keefe, 4768 West 6th Ave., Vancouver 8, B.C., by Jack C. von Bloeker, Jr.; and Jean M. Wright, 714 S. Crescent Ave., Cincinnati 29, Ohio, by C. V. Duff.

Ed N. Harrison announced the death of Dr. Stanley G. Jewett, whereupon a resolution of sympathy was passed and the secretary instructed to send Mrs. Jewett a letter of condolence.

Field observations were given as follows: Sidney Peyton announced that the Fish and Wildlife Service in checking salmon in the Copper River area in Alaska found Trumpeter Swans nesting this year and that 50 adults and several cygnets had been seen. On October 1 and 2 R. Dudley Ross saw two Great Gray Owls at Yosemite. In addition, he reported the return of a Virginia Warbler to the home of Helen Pratt in Eagle Rock for the second consecutive year. The bird was present on September 20 and continued to the date of the meeting. Arnold Small noted an immature Franklin Gull and three Knots on Newport Bay on October 2 and 16. Dorothy Groner, Sidney Peyton and others reported seeing five California Condors back of Fillmore on October 16, and also one Clark Nutcracker at about 4000 feet.

The subject of the speaker, Cornelius G. Willis, was "Candid Camera Studies of California Birds." —DOROTHY E. GRONER, *Secretary*.