

Is any Member now indexing (or has indexed) the past four Volumes (years) of EBBANEWS? Indexing our publication appears to be a rather skilled task, and present Editor does not know what has been done in this respect, or by whom. He has had two requests for such indexing for purposes of publication in science periodical lists and volumes. It seems unneeded to state that this work should be done by one of us right away. We ought to have an elected Official Indexer to get the task under way and keep it up to date. For a small sum we can get it mimeo-ed perhaps, and provide all members with copies if they ask for them. —What say?

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Ass'n Report for 1948-49 has just arrived here. If anyone in the Banding Business needs to know, it can be revealed that this reservation atop the Kittatinny (near Rte. 122, and between Albany and Drexelersville, N. J.) is on what is probably the busiest migration-route for Raptors in U. S. A wonderful spot to visit just now. (Editor plans to go), Write to the Ass'n at 767 Lexington Ave., N.Y. City, for information on getting there —and on how YOU can add your own mite of financial support to the newly incorporated Association. They need a dollar or so from you and me to increase the efficiency of Raptore protection on this area!

We've got a Screech Owl, across in our 5-acre Pinery Plantation, who is singing off-and-on at odd times all day in sun and in shadow. —Wonder if she (or he) will raise another litter over there in the tree-box next Spring. —Not banded yet.

## *White Tails on Black Birds*

If, as you look out your window one of these fine mornings, you chance to see black birds with white tails, where the day before there were only black birds with black tails, don't get the idea that you're seeing things, nor be troubled with the thought that Mother Nature has gone "Screwy." So runs a message to the readers of the "Bergen, (N.J.) Evening Record' recently.

It seems that Beecher Bowdish of Demarest, N. J. is conducting an experiment with Dr. Paul H. Fluck of Lamberville, away across the other side of the Garden State with Starlings. These birds, caught by "Beech" are transported by fast auto to Dr. Fluck's banding station where they undergo various intelligence tests. Following the tests the birds have their tails painted white and are set free.

The purpose of the experiment is to ascertain whether Starlings will return to a given locality. Bowdish is handling the publicity and hopes to hear from anyone who sees them in his neighborhood. It is the Editor's guess that these birds will speed to Washington to seek retribution and an audience for their 'sorry tails.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bull, Jr. banders of Far Rockaway, N. Y. have recently added six more traps to their equipment. They also have a converted parrot cage trap which is catching Grackles and Redwings and Starlings by the handful.

Mr. Chas. L. Broley will give his famous illustrated lecture: 'Banding 1100 Bald Eagles' Nov. 11 at 8 p. m. in Ramsey (N. J.) Grade School Auditorium. (No. Central Ave. and Shuart Lane.)