

EBBANEWS ED. wishes he had some useful data on the accomplishments of Mr. Chas. Broley, the famous Eagle and Osprey bander. —Been told he has banded over 1100, and at nearly 70 years, is still climbing, still banding. —From Florida to New England; year after year.—Where have his exploits been published?

Editor still wants more communications about favorite trap-baits from veteran banders

How do you vote, fellow member, on the NEWS being a monthly or a bi-monthly? And how much interesting banding material have you mailed in to the Editor during the past six weeks? —WHAT! none at all!!! Send in your vote, anyway.

Gill - of - Huntington, L. I.: "Wood Thrushes and Robins running higher than usual; Grackles, Jays and Catbirds show slump in numbers." In rainless June ex-ed Gill banded 144 birds: "my biggest June since 1924." In July he banded 121; but says that Bowdish got 342! Bowdish, as everyone knows lives at Demarest, N. J.

Be it noted that our President has re-appointed (for the 1949 Fiscal year) the following members as the Publication Committee: Raymond J. Middleton, Chairman, and LeRoy Wilcox and Raymond T. Fuller. Note also that according to our adopted By-Laws our Council consists of nine members and the Officers of EBBA. As a councillor Bro.

Middleton's name should not have appeared on our June July mast-head because the listed members was thus shown as ten. Middleton is a Vice-President and so "ex-officio" (as the feller said) he is a Councillor. —Incidentally (and to settle a bet) this Editor wants to know whether or not he rates an Officer's stripes. Merely as Editor. (They went and made him a Vice-President at Philadelphia.

Which is our senior Vice-President? You know, in case of a sudden vacancy higher up?

SINGING OF FEMALE WRENS

In EBBANEWS for June-July the question was asked as to evidence that female House Wrens ever sang. This was a point which the Editor had been trying to establish positively from his own observations. To date one response has come to hand. Member John Gillespie writes that in 'General Notes' in the publication of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, 'CASSINIA', appears this item:

"For 30 years House Wrens have nested on premises, but not until summer of 1946 were we aware that the female sang. —A rhythmical twittering, up and down the scale, repeated two, sometimes three times, attracted my attention early one morning. Songster was not identified for several days, although it sang early each morning. Eventually the singer was discovered: a Wren busily collecting nest - material, loudly singing meanwhile, making frequent trips to the nest-box; from top of which a male sang in typical fashion. Pair often sang together; songs being totally dissimilar. Female's daily diminished in duration and intensity until incubation com-

menced, when it ceased. . . James Bond tells me female wrens of So. American species are known to sing. . . . I recall no published records of singing of our female House Wrens."

Editor believes his own observations and the above establish an answer to the question raised in our June-July issue. —Anyone have more to say?

A Free (this once!) adv. —Terrill's Aquatic Farms, Oshkosh, Wis. will sell you aquatics for all types of pools to serve as duck-attractions. Their plants cover a line which fits (they say) all types of pools, marshes and running waters. Some of us might develop this idea for attracting nesters and migrants for banding.

Two members have written in suggesting that the EBBANEWS Question (largely one as to cost): Six issues per year, or Twelve? Be put up to a membership postcard census. Mail in a postcard to the Editor with your opinion on it. —Sign your name! —And did you send in many notes for publication during past twelve months????

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO A BAND NUMBER

Will anyone using a band with number resembling 41-28190 on a Cliff Swallow or similar species, please advise Ben. B. Coffey, Jr., 672 N. Belvedere St., Memphis 7, Tenn. of banding details?

The above number, used on a Chimney

Swift at Memphis, Oct. 13, 1940, was reported found on a water-logged "swift or swallow" in the southern edge of Yukon Territory. This area is beyond the range of the Chimney Swift, and no swifts were reported seen there by an ornithologist who was in that area and at the point of recovery on the date of recovery. The band was apparently lost in the mail and the number evidently recorded incorrectly in the letter to the F&WS. Please report to the above bander any possibility of this having been one of your banded birds!

SOME CHIPS OUT OF A WEEK'S POST

Comes a photo of member Emerson Stoner's new House Trap, (Benicia, Calif.) which, he says, holds at that moment 14 Waxwings. It's 4x4x5; two openings along bottom close when you pull a rope from inside the kitchen. — Seems easier to snare Waxwings the farther you get away from the Atlantic Ocean.

A "first banding record" from Mrs. John Dater of Ramsey, N. J. is a good one: "Species 28, Total banded 619, Returns 17, Recoveries 2". —Wait 'til she's been at this game a couple of years!

Alexander Bergstrom of West Hartford, Ct. calmly mentions being in on a bank swallow project for 5 years. —Well, tell us all about it! Got any novel data?

"About D.D.T. —there's a very comprehensive article in July issue of 'Florida Naturalist' published by Florida Aud. Society, Daytona Beach." (W. M. Davidson)