

Bad News

With the bill for the June issue came a notice that our printer was discontinuing this type of work and would no longer be able to do the News. Subsequently much scurrying about on the part of your Editor, interrupted by a moderately severe leg injury sustained in an accident, has turned up another printer but the delay will have been more than a month. There are additional delays in store for future issues but please bear with us until some of these matters can be straightened out for good.

Tidbits

Beecher Bowdish of Demarest, N.J. has returned to the New Jersey Audubon Society as Secretary during a period of reorganization, according to a news item from the Newark News for Sunday, July 9, 1950. Mr. Bowdish, who had retired in 1946 after 36 years of service, is also serving on the board of directors.

Master Sargent H.W. Bushwitz, an EBBA member of the U.S. Marines who was formerly stationed on the West Coast has been sent to Korea where he hopes to do some banding. He reports having banded eight Marsh Hawks during the past season two of which were adults taken at night, one Sharp-shinned Hawk caught when it flew into an open car in pursuit of a Sparrow, and three American Rough-legged Hawks taken at the nest. M.S. Bushwitz requests that the News be sent to him at 2218 S. Baker St., Santa Ana, Cal. Your Editor suggests that he would appreciate correspondence from EBBA members.

The Warbler symposium has been postponed indefinitely. Only two members have submitted data. Tch---Tch---

Mrs. M. Brantley Peacock, Rt. # 2, Fairfax, Va. has sent in one of the most astounding reports which has come to your Editor's attention. She began banding Dec. 5, 1949 under the tutelage of Mr. Arthur Fast. By July 10, 1950 she had banded 888 birds of 35 species- none of them colonial. Juncos, White-throats, Purple Finches, Song and Fox Sparrows, and Towhees head the list in numbers. Among the less common species were 1 Bewick Wren, 1 Pine Warbler, 1 Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and 1 Swamp Sparrow. Mrs. Peacock very wisely had the Bewick Wren and the Swamp Sparrow identified by Dr. Aldrich. This is truly a wonderful beginning to what we hope will be a most fruitful banding career.

Mr. H.F. Farrand of Wilmington, Del. has sent in a report covering the period from May 15, 1949 when he began banding, to May 1, 1950. During this period he banded 127 birds of 16 species, and had seven returns and one recovery. The recovery was of a Grackle banded by Harry Bristow of Cedars, Del.