

EDITOR'S NOTE

Nearly all of you will be surprised and some shocked at the form of this issue of the News. But the hard facts of life were that we couldn't continue with the printed form within the funds available. Hopefully, the change in printing may allow us to enlarge the News by a page or two when the volume of material being received warrants the additional space. Which is an opportunity to again remind each member that the News can only be of value if each of you contributes a note or a news item several times a year. If you are doubtful regarding the value of your news item send it anyway and let your Editor judge. Then, if you don't agree you'll have an excuse to write again. Comments and suggestions from members regarding the new form of the News or its content are requested.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Crowder, who with his committee did such an able job of arranging the meeting, wrote that the film "The Tawny Pipit" which everyone enjoyed so much cost a total of \$26.88. An "offering" taken at the meeting totaled \$19.00, of which \$2.00 went to the janitor. Thus, the film cost EBBA just \$9.88 which certainly was a bargain.

The cost of printing programs, of projectors, and other incidental expenses was contributed by the Maryland Ornithological Society. We hope that they will accept our thanks and appreciation and our congratulations on a job well done.

NOTES FROM THE WEST

Your Editor's regular employment requires considerable travel to various parts of the country. On such a trip last April (while the Junco Symposium issue was being printed and mailed) he had the privilege of attending an annual meeting of the Cooper Ornithological Club which was held at Asilomar, near Monterey, California. At this time he met many active western banders and had the

pleasure of talking banding and banding problems with them. In fact an informal evening session on Saturday night was devoted to an exchange of information and views on banding activities. Ornithological research is very active on the West Coast. Papers were presented during the regular sessions on studies of hybridization among towhees and sapsuckers (separate papers), on hibernation of the Poor-will, on new techniques for recording and analyzing bird songs, to mention only a few. Your Editor will long remember the gracious hospitality with which he was received by the members of the Cooper's Club and the Western Bird Banding Association.

A boat trip about twenty miles off-shore with the Club netted several new pelagic birds but no Albatrosses. A one day auto trip in the Arizona desert near Tuscon was also productive of many new bird acquaintances, among them the Road-runner which had been previously pursued so unsuccessfully.

Two major problems were discussed with the western banders. These were, first, the proposal made by Dr. Blake for the formation of a North American Bird Banding Association, and second, ways and means of expanding the coverage and effectiveness of the species symposia as exemplified by our initial efforts in the News. It would be manifestly improper for your Editor to attempt to speak for the Western Association on either of these matters, but it should be in order to comment that they appeared to be receptive to the idea of a national association provided the interests of the existing regional associations were adequately protected. Much of the discussion centered around the impact of a national organization on the present regional groups and on ways and means of reconciling their interests. Several WBBA members have been actively interested in extending the species symposia idea to their area. Among them are Mr. Ronald Reuther and Mr. Hatch Graham who have been actively working out details of a program which would be adaptable to their organization.