

"Today, March 24, 1952, the bird repeated again. Upon being released it flew away normally.

"\*During its period of captivity, the bird was not observed to use its wings even once prior to the day upon which it was released."

SHOCK DEATHS

From Dr. C. Brooke Worth, Bangalcrel, Mysore, India comes the following:

"In reference to the communications from Mr. W. M. Davidson of Orlando, Florida, and from Mr. G. Hapgood Parks, on the subject of "shock deaths" in trapped birds, I feel impelled to add my name to the list of those who have been baffled by the same phenomenon. Some years ago I made post mortem examinations of several dozen bird carcasses that either died of shock at my banding station or were sent to me by other banders following death from the same cause. The most characteristic finding in almost all of the birds was the appearance of the intestine. This would be absolutely black, practically throughout its extent from stomach to cloaca. The contents were found to be a viscid material resembling semi-digested or decomposed blood. I have not heard of any explanation for such a condition. Since "shock" occurs in only a small percentage of individuals of a given species, it is possible that the intestinal condition may have pre-existed, the bird being already sick when trapped. This has always seemed to me a promising topic for investigation by a comparative pathologist."

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

At the time of our annual convention in New York on March 30, the resignation of the Editor of EBBA NEWS, Richard O. Bender, was received and accepted with regret. His business taking him away much of the time it was now impossible to get the monthly issues out promptly. Mr. Bender has given of his time freely for several years and we are indebted to him for his efforts.

The present Editor and I have agreed to combine the May and June numbers in one larger issue so as to give you a full report of the meeting and outing. The details arranged by the Committee for the convention were well planned and everything was done to make it a success. The attendance was excellent and the Committee is to be congratulated for their work.

After much letter writing your Officers and the Council have secured a new Editor for EBBA NEWS. He is Albert Conway, R. D. #4, Easton, Pa. Mr. Conway is a Fellow of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club of Philadelphia and has been banding for many years. He is now teaching at Lafayette College and is a thorough bird man in every way. He is well qualified for the job of Editor.

I am sure that I may speak for the Officers and members of the Council in asking each of you to give your support to our new Editor. He begins with the July issue.

We are asking each of you to look over your banding activities and make up some note from your records, no matter how small this item may be, possibly some interesting return or unusual recovery, and send this to Mr. Conway. What you send him determines what he makes out of our monthly paper.

May I also extend greetings to you as we start another year. Our membership covers a wide area, over many states and parts of Canada. Let's put so many good things about banding in EBBA NEWS that we keep closer together and almost forget that we are actually many miles apart, in many cases.

Most cordially yours,  
Raymond J. Middleton, President

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Your Editor wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of those members who contributed news items at various times and to say that the Editorship has been a very pleasant experience. A final reminder-send your news items to Dr. Conway and keep them flowing.