

"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.