

TWO SUGGESTIONS

From Frank Frazier, E.B.B.A. Secretary, come two suggestions which are of interest.

The first suggestion really is in the form of a query which the Editor can't answer. Who can? Mr. Frazier says, "What is the latest word on the use of mirrors in traps? Inland (Bird Banding Association) seems to be excited about their use. I'm going to read up on it, but I haven't seen anything since I began banding over four years ago, until a month or so ago."

Mr. Frazier's second suggestion is one with which the Editor wholeheartedly agrees, for carrying it out not only often results in more recoveries being reported but it also focuses public attention on the whole problem of the need for wildlife protection as well.

His letter says, "Perhaps it might be a good idea to point out to banders the advisability of getting more local publicity for themselves, their stations, and the whole bird banding project. The results of this would certainly be more returns and possibly more recoveries. Inland has a poster, I bought some from them, which can be put up where it would do some good. Maybe we can make one up for E.B.B.A.--or get some of theirs and put our name on them. Most members need to be taught how to get publicity for themselves." How about some suggestions?

As a case in point, I have before me, thanks to member William A. Tompkins, 54 Ionia Street, Springfield, Mass., clippings from the Springfield Sunday Republican of May 31, 1953, concerning the spring field meeting of NEBB at Arcadia Wild Life Sanctuary and with the banding activities of Bill Tompkins at Springfield. Nearly two full columns of text and eight pictures, seven of them reproduced in the rotogravure section of the paper accompany the story. Publicity such as this is very helpful to the banding program.

Locally, the Editor and his wife have been very fortunate in having the sympathetic interest of a local newspaper writer, Ben

Kizer, in matters relating to birds, and a number of interesting articles have appeared. In June, for example, a neighbor called to say that there were monkey-faced owls in his cousin's barn up the road a mile or so. When my wife and I arrived on the scene, plans were afoot to remove the owls and have them mounted by a taxidermist. When they realized that these birds were important enough to warrant banding them, and after they had been told what superior mousers they are, they received a reprieve and June and I climbed into the forty foot silo and banded five young. The next day, Mr. Kizer, accompanied by a photographer, visited the farm, photographed the farmer and his sons with the young owls, and ran a good story on how fortunate the farmer was to have such guests. After this, it is safe to say that Barn Owls in this barn will be given zealous protection, and we hope that other farmers will have been impressed by what they read.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members of EBBA:

Mrs. Helen L. Coe, 101 Jefferson Drive, Clairton, Penna.
 Mr. John C. Malinowski, 205 Rockwell Terrace, Frederick, Maryland
 Miss Grace C. Holoney, 200 Chatterton Parkway, White Plains, New York
 Mr. R. Wyland-Smith, 137 Kenwood Avenue, Oneida, New York
 Mr. Arthur O. Stone, Jr., Deerhead Lake Drive, Barnegat Finns,
 Forked River, New Jersey
 Mr. Charles H. Nichols, Jr., 357 Pleasant Lane, Haworth, New Jersey

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MATERIAL NEEDED FOR EBBA NEWS.

There is hardly sufficient material on hand to fill the two remaining summer issues of EBBA NEWS, so the Editor would appreciate anything which members would be willing to submit for publication.

Apologies are due to several persons who have sent in material in the past and who did not receive a personal acknowledgment for it; it is appreciated nevertheless, and most of it has or will appear in EBBA NEWS.