

NOTES AND NEWS

The correct address of Miss Mary Anne Helmerdinger is now 370 Temple St., New Haven, where she is now studying for a master's degree in conservation at Yale University. She is an alumna of Wheaton College, Norton, Mass.

On October 17, 1953, EBBA members Herman F. Kuch, Jr., 1002 Crest Road, Philadelphia 31, and EBBA Editor Albert E. Conway, found a freshly dead adult Black-backed Gull on the beach at Stone Harbor, New Jersey; there was nothing to indicate that it had not died a natural death. A report from the banding office indicated that this, No. 37-708654, had been banded as a nestling on July 5, 1947, on Franklin Island, Muscongus Bay, Maine, by EBBA member Joseph M. Cadbury. It's always a thrill to discover that a dead bird which one finds bears a band, but it is even more of a thrill when one is a good friend of the bander.

Dr. Paul H. Fluck of Lambertville, New Jersey, is really a practicing physician, but he also finds time to write magazine articles. COLLIER'S recently has carried two of his efforts, in a May issue an article on the hypodermic needle, and in a November issue, an article on getting awake in the morning.

Incidentally, yesterday, your Editor and wife visited the banding station operated at Washington Crossing Park (Penna.) operated by Dr. Fluck and volunteers, and were greatly impressed by the interest which they are arousing in birds because of the interesting demonstrations and informal lectures which they give. It is also interesting to note that Dr. Fluck's secretary and office nurse, Miss Jeanne Pitman, is also an EBBA member and licensed bander.

The banding activities of the Editor's father-in-law, Mr. E. Earl Rider, Route 4, Easton, Penna., are a little out of the ordinary, to say the least. Since May 1, he has banded over 2,000 birds, the great majority of which have been caught in unbaited traps. In addition, during September, he captured a Broad-winged Hawk which entered a house trap in which the only attraction was water. One of his highlights, this fall, was the capture of a Bewick's Wren, an extremely rare visitor in eastern Pennsylvania.