

## AVIAN REVOLUTION

Long Island and northeastern New Jersey are undergoing an avian revolution, I believe, writes Geoffrey Gill - due to the tremendous population pressure which has made lasting inroads on the natural cover and habitats. Some birds will thrive while others will vanish, in that they will go elsewhere. For example Cardinals are getting to be common where they were rare ten years ago. On the other hand, Meadow-larks that were common are now rare.

## SORE EYES IN BIRDS

Banders should watch for evidence of sore eyes in birds, says Dr. Paul Fluck. A sharp wire or thorn may blind a bird. By putting a little NEOMYCIN (Upjohn ophthalmic ointment) in the eye, and repeating in a few hours, the eye may speedily heal up, and the bird may carry your band, on and on.

NEWS IN BRIEF Geoff Gill sends a clipping reporting the oldest wild duck in the records - banded 12/3/33 at Durand Eastman Park, Rochester, N.Y. and shot by a hunter in New York County, Pa. 10/15/53 ★ ★ ★ Ed Noll writes that a young grackle he raised "anted" at two months with a raspberry ★ ★ ★ Mrs. Marie Dumont tells of an indigo bunting (rare in the area) nesting in her son Lewis' raspberry patch - raised three young and two were banded ★ ★ ★ Howard Drinkwater of Whitehouse, N.J. had one of his barn owls turn up in Miami last winter ★ ★ ★ Raymond Middleton writes that a pair of crested flycatchers has been nesting in one of his boxes for three consecutive summers - one has been there for five years - this year they raised 6 young ★ ★ ★ One of a dozen nestling common terns banded on a small ledge in Muscongus Bay, Maine, 6/15/55, by Frank P. Frazier, Jr., was caught in a fish trap off Trinidad, British West Indies, 2/22/56 (local ornithologists had predicted none of the young terns would get off the island because of predation by ravens, great black-backed gulls and gun-toting fishermen) ★ ★ ★ To the many banders who wrote wishing your new editor well and sending items for publication, our warmest thanks. We are now especially in need of good illustrations - both drawings and photographs - of netting activities, good trap locations, etc. ★ ★ ★ PFF, Editor.

And -- SEND US YOUR VOTE, if you haven't already done so, on the time and place of next year's annual meeting.