

it may appear at first glance. If you use your vacation to build the type of equipment you need to do the job, at the hours you have available, and have one of your youngsters, or a retired neighbor set your traps prior to your arrival home from work, you can still band hundreds -- even thousands of birds every year.

Even if you are one of the banders who have sacrificed banding time for TV time, help may be coming. Right now at Washington Crossing Park EBBA's famous electronic engineer, Ed Noll is wiring mist nets to switchboards, so night owl banders can band real owls, during TV commercials.

Now please.....no more of those long faced letters: "I don't have time to band this year because -----"

Paul H. Fluck      ★ ★ ★

#### THE ANNUAL MEETING

Academy of Natural Sciences, Phila., Pa., April 6-7, 1957

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**      A special meeting of the Council to discuss the netting controversy resulting from articles appearing in EBBA NEWS was called by President Paul H. Fluck for March 3, 1957, and held at Washington Crossing, Pa., with seven members of the Council present. After considerable discussion, the Council went on record in approval of the banding techniques as authorized for use among the cooperators by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Council also endorsed the plan of the Service to sponsor training programs for all applicants for netting permits.

Matters dealt with at the Business Meeting of the Council on April 6, eleven members being present and President Fluck presiding, included: Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings, approval of the Treasurer's report (which appears elsewhere in this issue), re-appointment of Frank P. Frazier to serve as EBBA NEWS editor for another year, and a progress report of the committee, Eleanor Dater chairman, on the working out of plans for forming a national council of bird banding associations.

Ramsey, New Jersey, will be the place of the next annual meeting, the Council decided after hearing an invitation from the Fyke Nature Society. The date will be either April 12-13 or 19-20, 1958.

**ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS**      After reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, and of the Treasurer's Report, President Fluck called for the report of the Nominating Committee. The nominating committee proposed the election of the same officers as had served during the previous year and the follow-

ing members of the Council: to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Maurice Broun, in the class of 1958, Bennett K. Matlack; for the class of 1959, Orville Crowder, Gordon Hight and Raymond J. Middleton. There being no further nominations, these officers and members of the Council were elected unanimously.

**THE SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS - MORNING** The sessions, presided over by President Paul H. Fluck, opened with a welcome on behalf of the Philadelphia banders by William Pepper. During the morning session, the following papers were presented: "Banding Warblers at Norristown, Pa.," and "White-throated Sparrow Recoveries" by Raymond J. Middleton and illustrated with Kodachromes by Raymond J. Middleton, Jr. "Crow and Robin Banding" by Ralph K. Bell, illustrated with drawings and slides; "Banding Warblers in May, 1956" by Eleanor Dater; "The EBBA NEWS of the Future" by Frank P. Frazier; "Comments by a New Bander" by Mrs. Frank L. Townsend, and "Bird Photography for Bird Banders" by Norman Fisher. Mr. Norman McDonald gave the gathering a brief description of the efforts by Pennsylvania conservationists to get a "model" hawk and owl law passed by the State Legislature.

**THE SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS - AFTERNOON** Dr. C. Brooke Worth, who took blood samples of banders at the previous annual meeting, discussed his findings in his paper "Ornithosis and Other Bird Diseases" illustrated by pictures by Norman Fisher (read his article on this subject in the April issue of BIRD-BANDING). Other papers were: "Use of Flood Lights for Trapping Birds at a Winter Roost" by Jack T. Linehan, illustrated with slides; "Mist-nets vs. Heligoland Traps" by E. Alexander Bergstrom; "Mist-netting -- Licensing, Training and Techniques" by Allen J. Duvall (this paper, slightly abridged, may be found printed elsewhere in this issue;) "Planting for Bird-Banding Stations" by Edwin A. Mason.

The meeting was then thrown open for a discussion of the pro's and con's of mist netting. Harvey Brewer read a prepared statement and subsequent comments were made by Edwin A. Mason, new president of the North-Eastern Bird Banding Association, Bennett K. Matlack, newly elected member of the Council, and others.

**ANNUAL BANQUET** The Annual Banquet was held at the Robert Morris Hotel with 75 members and guests in attendance. After the dinner, a round table discussion was held, each member rising in turn and saying a few words about his banding activities and problems. "Behind the Flyways", a color and sound motion picture, was then shown - through the courtesy of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

**SUNDAY FIELD TRIP** Twelve carloads of banders met in the morning at the Academy of Natural Sciences. All had been provided with a 2,000-word set of directions -- complete with news of the places, people and traps to be seen during the day -- by George Hitchner. Bill Pepper led the cavalcade to the southern New Jersey banding stations of William R. Middleton in Wenonah, J. George Hitchner in Pitman, Bennett K. Matlack at Bridgeton (where Mr. & Mrs. Matlack served a delicious light (!) lunch) and the Rev. Garrett S. Detweiler in Salem.

**RANDOM NOTES ON THE MEETING** Eve Townsend, in her talk on the problems of the new bander, suggested that a section of EBBA NEWS be given to advancing helpful suggestions to the new bander.

So send your ideas, problems and suggestions to EBBA NEWS - we shall try to publish the best advice we know and can find \*\*\* Allen Duvall asked again that every bander band one to five Mourning Dove nestlings a year. . .he said that some 275,000 game birds and probably more than 300,000 other birds were banded during 1956. . .he urged banders to be sure they were correct when they put down the age or sex of birds (some banders sex chickadees in February - how?) \*\*\* Joe Cadbury has banded more than 12,000 Cormorants and gets recovery reports on about 10% of them \*\*\* For syphon water drips use Tygon tubing with a chemist's rubber tubing clamp, procurable at a chemist's supply store \*\*\* The meeting arrangements were perfect and all went off smoothly thanks to the fine work of the committee composed of Mr. & Mrs. Herman F. Kuch, Jr., Louis H. Reichel, Joseph M. Cadubry, Raymond J. Middleton, J. George Hitchner and William Pepper, chairman.

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