

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Ramsey, New Jersey, April 12-13, 1958

COUNCIL MEETINGS Matters dealt with at the Business Meeting of the Council on April 12 in the Municipal Building, Ramsey, N.J. twelve members being present and President Fluck presiding, included: The approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting; the Treasurer's Report (which appears elsewhere in this issue); reports of committees and the re-appointment of Frank P. Frazier to serve as EBBA NEWS editor for another year. The Registration Fee for the annual meetings, commencing in 1959, was raised from 50¢ to \$1.00. An amendment to the Constitution was presented and passed as follows: that the retiring President be automatically retained on the Council for a period of two years.

A letter was read from Dr. Charles Blake in which the Council was advised of the intention of southern banders to form a southeastern chapter of EBBA. The Council passed a motion that it approved the formation of such a chapter within EBBA and offered any assistance possible to the new organization.

An impromptu meeting of the new Council was held during the Sunday Field Trip, nine members being present and President Low presiding. President Low appointed a committee to prepare a report on the purpose, aims and organization of a National Council of bird banding associations: Mrs. Dickerson, Mr. Frazier, and Mrs. Dater, chairman. The committee was directed to report to the Council prior to the October meeting of the A. O. U. in New York in October, at which meeting there is to be an informal gathering of representatives of the other banding groups.

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, Orville Crowder, chairman. The nominating committee promised Seth H. Low for president. Mrs. Eleanor Dater was nominated from the floor. In the election which followed, Seth H. Low was elected president. The remaining officers and members of the Council proposed by the nominating committee, there being no further nominations, were elected unanimously. They are:

President - Seth H. Low
 1st V.P. - Eleanor Dater
 2nd V.P. - Merrill Wood
 3rd V.P. - Garrett S. Detwiler
 Secretary - John Given
 Treasurer - Elise Dickerson

Councillors - and the year in which their term expires:

1959	1960	1961
Bennett K. Matlack	Orville Crowder	Arthur H. Fast
Geoffrey Gill	Gordon Hight	Elinor McEntee
William Pepper	R. J. Middleton	Charles H. Blake

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SESSIONS - MORNING

A welcome on behalf of the host society was extended by Roy A. Dietert, President of the Fyke Nature Association. Mrs. Eleanor Dater, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, explained the arrangements made for the two-day meeting. During the morning session the following papers were presented: "It May Be Later than You Think" by William Pepper; "The Post Juvenal Molt of the Male Cowbird" by James Baird, read (in Mr. Baird's absence) by Chandles S. Robbins; "Notes on the Longevity of Some Water Birds" by Allen J. Duvall; "Banding Catbirds at Norristown, Pa." by Raymond J. Middleton; Personal Recollections from the Early Years of Banding" by Howard H. Cleaves, and "Memories of Bird Banding's Infancy" by Beecher S. Bowdish. (It is expected that the papers by Messrs. Pepper, Middleton, Duvall and Bowdish will be printed in early issues of EBBA NEWS.)

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SESSIONS - AFTERNOON

Much to the surprise of your Editor, Edward M. Noll made some comments on the development of EBBA NEWS and presented a splendid 10-cell Potter Trap (gratefully received - and put into action directly after the meeting and has been catching birds ever since). The afternoon papers included: "Operation Recovery" by Stanley S. Dickerson (printed elsewhere in this issue); "The Future of EBBA NEWS" and "A Portable Banding Station" by Frank P. Frazier; "Banding at Bridgeton" by Bennett K. Matlack; "The Vertical Distribution of Migrants" by Dr. Richard P. Riesz (to appear next issue); "Birds, Bats and Viruses" by Dr. C. Brooke Worth; "New Developments in Banding Crows" by Ralph K. Bell. Allen Duvall discussed some problems of the Banding Office, and answered questions.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Annual Banquet was held at the Swiss Chalet with 106 members and guests in attendance. After the dinner Dr. Carlton M. Herman presented an illustrated paper on "Aspergillosis, a Disease of the Respiratory System of Water Fowl and Other Birds". Chandler S. Robbins then gave an illustrated talk on "Albatross Banding at Midway".

SUNDAY FIELD TRIP

Some 60 or more of the 106 members and guests who registered for the meeting assembled first at the banding station of Mr. & Mrs. John Y. Dater. Netting was stressed throughout the day, but there were also traps of every description and much good talk that helped new banders and veterans alike. From Ramsey, armed with maps and elaborate descriptions provided by Mrs. Elinor McEntee, the caravan proceeded to the station of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Townsend in Pompton Plains. While there a fine lunch was served and enjoyed by all. Then to the banding station of Mr. & Mrs. Gustave Dumont, Sr., in Pequannock. Mrs. Dumont, who makes many talks to groups of young people, had an extraordinary exhibit in her cellar -- trees and shrubs, nests in their natural places, etc. From Marie Dumont's a hardy

40 or so ended the day at the station of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Frazier in Upper Montclair.

RANDOM NOTES ON
THE MEETING

As our new president notes in this issue, this was quite probably one of the largest and best meetings of banders ever held. Everyone who had a hand in its planning and implementation can take a bow -- President Paul H. Fluck, Vice President Joseph Cadbury, who arranged the program, and the committee on arrangements, under the able chairmanship of Eleanor Dater *** Dr. Rydzewski, Editor of the International Banding Publication, THE RING, sent a cable from England to the meeting wishing us success *** Two wise quotes from Allen Duvall's remarks: "Do something with what you take" "Ask yourself, what problem can I work on to put some meaning in my banding?" *** Both Howard Cleaves and Beecher Bowdish spoke of banding more than 45 years ago . . . long before the responsibility for this cooperative scientific research program was undertaken by the U.S. government. *** It was a wonderful meeting -- let's all -- rather let's each one of us begin planning now to attend next year. ***

REGISTER OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS BY STATES

CONNECTICUT: Mr. & Mrs. E. Alexander Bergstrom, Mrs. Willis Geis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Norton, Mr. & Mrs. John C. Schmid.

MARYLAND: Mrs. Gladys H. Cole, Allen J. Duvall, Carlton M. Herman, Seth H. Low, Brooke McAuley, Chandler S. Robbins.

MASSACHUSETTS: Mrs. Laurence B. Romaine.

NEW JERSEY: Arthur F. Barber, Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Bliss, Beecher S. Bowdish, Miss Winifred F. Bover, Mrs. Gail C. Cannon, Mrs. Joseph Cardinali, Mrs. Betty Carnes, Harriet J. Coombs, Mr. & Mrs. W. Danforth, Mr. & Mrs. John Y. Dater, Rev. & Mrs. Garrett Detwiler, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley S. Dickerson, Mrs. Marie Dumont, Gustave Dumont, Jr., Lewis A. Dumont, Dr. & Mrs. Paul H. Fluck, Mr. & Mrs. Frank P. Frazier, Frank P. Frazier, Jr., George Hitchner, Mr. & Mrs. Neil Knorr, Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Kientzler, John J. McDermott, Mr. & Mrs. H. G. McEntee, Howard P. Mahnken, Mr. & Mrs. Bennett K. Matlack, Dr. Richard P. Riesz, Vernon C. Rossman, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Schnitzer, Mr. & Mrs. Frank P. Townsend, Dr. Darwin L. Wood.

NEW YORK: William O. Astle, Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Burt, Howard Cleaves, Warren E. Diffendall, Mrs. Martha Earl, Miss Marie Elitharp, Joy Hadden, John R. Given, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Hewer, Herman Kind, Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Lerch, Mr. & Mrs. Robert McKinney, Miss Grace C. Meleney, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert S. Raynor, Walton B. Sabin, John W. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Warren, Mr. & Mrs. Le Roy Wilcox.