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EBBA'S PRESIDENT SAYS: The members may find of interest a brief report on the current activities of their Officers and Council. An impromptu meeting of those present was held during the field trip that followed the recent annual meeting at Ramsey, N.J. Committees were organized to carry on business and to work towards some immediate objectives.

We regret to advise that Cornell will not be in position to accommodate an EBBA meeting at Ithaca in either 1959 or 1960. Your Council has accepted an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Wood to hold our next annual meeting on Saturday and Sunday, April 11-12, 1959 (mark it on your calendar now) in the Hetzel Union Building at the Pennsylvania State University at State College, Pa. Invitations and suggestions for the 1960 meeting would now be appreciated.

Our membership is now 346. The Committee has obtained lists of all persons who currently hold bird banding permits and has eliminated the names of current members. An appropriate letter inviting the remaining banders to join EBBA will soon be sent out.

The Committee for the promotion of a North American Council of Bird Banding Associations has been corresponding with the other associations and reports progress. An initial meeting has been arranged for Wednesday evening, October 15, 1958 during the annual meeting of the AOU at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

The Council reactivated the Committee which was set up some two years ago to cooperate with the other Associations in assisting the Banding Office with the preparation of a new manual for banders. The Committee was instructed to ascertain the progress made to date and to determine more precisely what the Banding Office expected the cooperators to contribute and what that office was handling itself. It has been the assumption that the Banding Office would compose all statements of policy and handle the editing of all other material. Publication by the Associations of contributions by the banders is considered as fulfilling the obligations of the Associations. In this connection it was noted that all the Associations have cooperated by publishing numerous contributions on the use of mist nets. With all this material now available, it is

hoped that the Banding Office is now in position to issue the section on mist netting in the very near future.

At our recent annual meeting Mr. Allen Duvall urged banding cooperators to be more purposeful in their efforts and to band with definite objectives in mind. In line with this a suggestion that EBBA sponsor a project to determine the reporting rate for intermediate sizes of bands which carry abbreviated address was referred to Mr. Duvall for official consideration.

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## DEAD BIRDS FOUND ON THE HIGHWAY

By Geoffrey Gill

During the past ten years I have kept a record of the birds which have been killed by automobiles on a mile of State Highway in Huntington, Long Island, N.Y., between my home and the office. This stretch of road was traveled six times daily, five days a week. While it is very probable that my records are incomplete and show only a part of the terrible toll upon bird life, (traffic being very heavy on Saturdays and Sundays when no count was made) the tabulation is of some interest due to the numbers and species encountered.

The primary purpose of this inspection was to recover banded birds. While some interesting records were completed in this manner, the number of banded birds was less than five percent of the total found. It should also be noted that many of the smaller birds are impaled in the grille or ornamentation of the modern cars and do not fall to the road. If they do fall on the road traffic obliterates a small bird in less than two hours. The injured crash land in the grass alongside the road and are seldom found. It is believed that many of the warblers and smaller birds appearing in this list flew into the wires strung along the highway and were found on the sidewalk beneath. The list totals 209 birds of 26 species and is as follows:-

Robin	96	White-throated Sparrow	2
Catbird	23	Horned Lark	2
Blue Jay	17	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	2
Purple Grackle	14	Mourning Dove	2
Starling	11	Kingbird	2
Wood Thrush	7	Chipping Sparrow	1
Flicker	6	Song Sparrow	1
Screech Owl	4	Black-throated Blue Warbler	1
Downy or Hairy Woodpecker	3	Ovenbird	1
Yellowthroat	3	Swainson's Thrush	1
English Sparrow	3	Redwinged Blackbird	1
Brown Thrasher	2	Myrtle Warbler	1
Baltimore Oriole	2	Bay-breasted Warbler	1

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