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1960 EBBA ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN MARYLAND'S HISTORIC STATE HOUSE

Now is the time to make plans and reservations for the 1960 Annual Meeting at Annapolis, Maryland, on April 23-24, 1960. Friday and Saturday events will take place at Annapolis; on Sunday there will be a visit to the Bird Banding Office, and a banding demonstration at Seth Low's farm at Unity, Maryland.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS Hotels and motels are few in number and are doing a rush business at that season; therefore reservations with payment for one night's lodging should be made as soon as possible and in any case before March 15. The Committee on Arrangements has checked available accommodations and recommends Charterhouse Motor Lodge, Revell Highway, U. S. Route #50, Annapolis (Colonial 8-5077). The Charterhouse, which has its own dining room, is about five miles from Annapolis between Md. Route #2 and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Single rooms are \$7; double rooms are \$10. Mention the EBBA meeting when requesting rooms.

Special arrangements have been made for those who wish to bring their own sleeping bags or blankets and sleep in the E. Leslie Medford Armory - men in one room, women in another. Cots will be provided by the State of Maryland. Estimated cost will be about \$2.50 per night; the more banders the less the cost. **NO EBBA MEMBER CAN AFFORD TO STAY HOME.** Send Armory reservations (send no money) to the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee by March 1 if possible so she will know whether enough people are interested in using these facilities, and the number of cots required.

TRANSPORTATION From the Northeast, take U. S. 40, Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (well worth the 40¢ toll to bypass most of Baltimore) and Md. Route 2; or U. S. 13 and 301 (Bay Bridge toll \$1.50 for two or

more in car). Main roads from the North (U.S. 111 and 140) converge on Baltimore, which is not easily bypassed from that direction. From the West take U. S. 50, or 40, Baltimore Beltway South, and Md. 2. From the South, take U. S. 1 and 50, or 301. Annapolis has no plane or train service, but there is bus service from Washington, Baltimore, and points to the North and Northeast.

BANQUET Our annual banquet will be held Saturday evening at the Arnold Fire Hall, four miles north of Annapolis, at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children 10 or younger. Send reservations to the Committee on Arrangements by April 1st.

RECEPTION AND ART EXHIBIT An informal reception, including an art exhibit and a motion picture show, will be held in the State House on Friday evening, starting at 7:00. The parking lot is one half block away. Members are invited to submit bird drawings, paintings or photographs for exhibit of bird art, and to bring traps and other banding equipment for exhibit. Ample space will be provided for exhibits, but the Arrangements Committee must know in advance what equipment to provide space for.

COUNCIL MEETING The Council will meet at 8:00 Friday evening, April 22, in room H-114 of the State House.

SATURDAY SESSIONS The registration desk will be open at 9:00 am. (and on Friday evening, 7:00 to 10:00) and the program will begin at 9:30. Sessions will be held in the House of Delegates room in the State House.

Mr. Vernon Stotts, a research biologist of the Maryland Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, will show his fine color motion picture on the Black Duck; other motion pictures will be shown at appropriate times as time and program permit. More details on program will appear in the next issue of EBBA NEWS.

FIELD TRIPS An early morning field trip is planned from 6:15 to 8:30 Saturday morning, for those who arrive Friday night.

There is no fixed schedule for Sunday, as it is desirable for banders to arrive at the banding office in small groups rather than all at the same time. A netting and trapping demonstration will be conducted all day at Seth Low's farm, about 22 miles west of the Banding Office; the Banding Office is 25 miles west of Annapolis. Banders should make their own arrangements for box lunches on Sunday. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided at the Banding Office, and coffee, tea, milk and soft drinks at Mr. Low's farm. Further information, including maps, will be distributed at the registration desk on Saturday.

Any members who plan to stay anywhere except the Charterhouse should notify the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee so that she will have a complete list of advance registrants and local addresses. Free parking is available at the State House and all other EBBA rendezvous.

Arrangements Committee: Chairman, Mrs. J. E. M. Wood, 101 Old Crossling Lane, Annapolis, Md. (Colonial 3-3229); Mr. & Mrs. Edwin M. Barry, Harvey N. Hall, Professor & Mrs. David G. Howard, Friel Sanders, Elizabeth Slater, Ernest Vaughn, Commander & Mrs. Edward Wilson.

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OPERATION RECOVERY AT OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

By Gladys H. Cole

The 1959 Operation Recovery at Ocean City started on September 4th, and lasted through September 27th. The nature of the terrain and the flora of North Ocean City is a little different from some of the other barrier beach stations. Our station is located in the first wooded area north of Ocean City, bordering a housing development. A bay, two miles wide at this point, separated the barrier beach from the mainland. The west side of the station is flat marshland with salt marsh grasses bordered with baccharis; on the east and south sides, vacant lots with a stand of dead loblolly pine. On the north there is one-fourth mile of low loblollies and then almost a mile of open country separating this O. R. station from the next woodlot.

In the center of our area there is a clearing, about the width of a four-lane highway, which was made several years ago to be a road for the development. It has some growth of sumac, blackberry bushes, etc., on it now. The large trees and stumps were pushed to each side of this opening and have become overgrown with catbriar, poison ivy, pokeberry bushes and grasses.

The rest of the territory is covered with loblolly pine, some large trees, black gum, holly, sassafras, swamp magnolia, poison ivy, and plenty of muscadine grape vines, loaded with fruit. The edges are bordered with bayberry.

We operate nets in three areas of a single woodlot, A, B and C in the illustration below. The net lanes have been used over a period of years and have been most productive. We started with 33 nets and gradually added three more: the last ten days, we operated 36 nets. We weighed, measured, and examined for fat on all days except one-half day on September 25th, when we did not have adequate help.

In 9638 net-hours, we banded 1848 birds of 79 species and handled 1148 repeats. The species in largest numbers were: