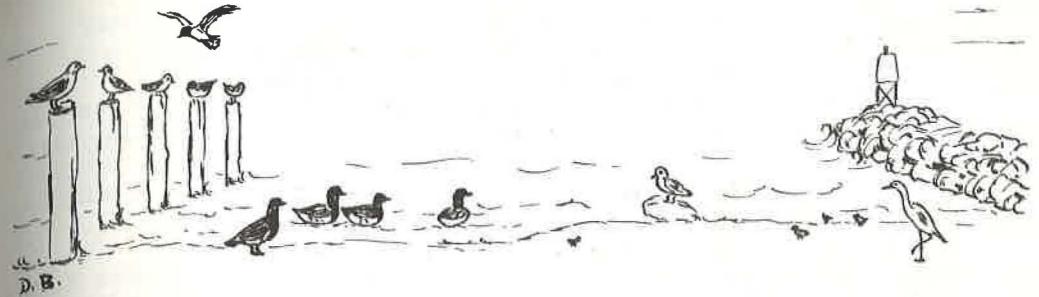




(Top left) Joe Cadbury conducting a Workshop session on dissection. (Right) Ray Middleton demonstrating a trap - also a Workshop session. (Below) Jim Baird is showing a bird skin to Robert Sehl, President of the D.V.O.C. (Upper left photo by FPF Jr, others by J. Douglas Whitman)



THE 1962 ANNUAL MEETING AT CAPE MAY, N. J.  
By Frank P. Frazier, Jr.

The 39th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Bird Banding Association was held on April 27-29, 1962, at Cape May, New Jersey. With 178 people registered for the meeting, 168 of whom attended the Banquet on Saturday night, it was by far the best-attended meeting in EBBA's history. The meeting was sponsored by the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, of Philadelphia, whose president, Robert Sehl, and several other members were present to assist with arrangements and the Sunday field trips.

Much of the success of this meeting was due to the continued hard work of George Hitchner, the chairman of the Arrangements Committee, who arranged meeting places and accommodations - and had to do so over again after the March storm which did tremendous damage to Cape May and necessitated changing most of the arrangements which had already been made.

The headquarters for the meeting was the Carroll Villa Hotel in Cape May, where many members stayed, and where banding exhibits and information were arranged for those who arrived Friday afternoon and evening.

**COUNCIL MEETING** The EBBA Council met at 8:30 pm. in the Annex of the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Cape May, and adjourned at 11 pm. 14 members were present. Charles Mohr, whose Council term expires in 1963, resigned as he has moved out of our area, and Dr. Frank McCamey of Maryland was appointed to fill his unexpired term. A motion was adopted as a result of a letter from Dr. A. Rydzewski, publisher of THE RING, to offer to exchange mist nets, which he needs for an experimental Operation Recovery in Poland, for back issues of EBBA NEWS which he offered to the Association. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and accepted, as was Mrs. Dater's report on the sale of mist nets.

The Finance Committee presented its report, and the Council voted to appoint a committee to consider setting up a Memorial Fund, the interest from which would be awarded from time to time to a student of ornithology for use in a banding project; also to inquire into the possibilities of acquiring back issues of EBBA NEWS which are lacking for EBBA's files; and



the Council approved the committee's recommendation that the Editor should use his discretion in the continued expansion of EBBA NEWS.

The President reported on arrangements to have a banding program at the International Ornithological Congress in Ithaca, N. Y., during the week of June 16-24, 1962, and the Council approved the printing of 200 extra copies of the special May-June issue of EBBA NEWS for distribution among banders attending the Congress.

Suggested changes in the By-Laws were approved for submission to the membership: these provided for Life Memberships upon payment of \$100, for Honorary Memberships to be granted in carefully selected cases, and for an Auditing Committee.

The Council voted to pay the cost of the Workshop Manual, and to commend and thank the Workshop Committee, Miss Mary Rebecca Cregar, Mrs. Hope Geis, Mr. Chandler Robbins and Mr. David Bridge. It was decided to appoint one person to be responsible for having EBBA incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the state of New Jersey. The Editor and Co-Editor of EBBA NEWS were reappointed for another year. The meeting adjourned at 11 pm.

MORNING SESSION The Saturday sessions were held in the Lower Cape May Regional High School, two miles north of Cape May City - a new building with an excellent auditorium. The morning session opened with a welcome by Dr. Ernest A. Choate of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, and President Eleanor Dater responded.



Allen Duvall, Chief of the Bird Banding Office, holding forth during the Saturday morning session.  
(Photo by J. Douglas Whitman)

Your Editor, Frank P. Frazier, spoke on the progress of EBBA NEWS. He discussed the special May-June issue, to be larger than most, and mentioned several of the papers which will appear in it; 200 extra copies will be printed to be made available to the International Ornithological Congress this June. He also discussed the increased size of the regular EBBA NEWS - 32 pages in each issue for the past year, whereas previously it had run between 20 and 28 pages, and before that, had been 16 pages. It was emphasized that this increased size is due for the most part to the increased activity of EBBA's now-larger membership, and that the continued quality and expansion of EBBA NEWS, which has gained recognition as an ornithological journal of value, rather than merely a newsletter, depends upon the membership of the Association.

The business meeting followed; the minutes of the Council meeting were read and approved, as was the Treasurer's Report and the report on sales of mist nets. The proposed changes to the By-Laws were approved by the membership. Mr. Raymond J. Middleton, Chairman of the Nominating Committee (Mr. Middleton, Miss Wilde R. Mellencamp, and Mr. William Pepper) presented the following slate of officers for the coming year, and Council Members for a three year term ending in 1965:

President:	Mr. Merrill Wood	Members of Council:
1st Vice President:	Rev. Garrett S. Detwiler	Mr. William Pepper
2nd Vice President:	Mr. John R. Given	Mr. Albert Schnitzer
3rd Vice President:	Mr. Ralph K. Bell	Mrs. John C. Schmid
Treasurer:	Mrs. Stanley S. Dickerson	
Secretary:	Miss Dorothy L. Bordner	

These officers and members of council were elected unanimously.

Mr. Allen J. Duvall, chief of the Bird Banding Office, spoke on the new systems in effect in the Banding Office, and especially on the new methods of reporting recoveries to banders and to those who recover banded birds. To the satisfaction and approval of many banders, he stated that it had been decided to include the name and address of the person who recovered a bird, and the geographical location by town and state, on the reports sent to banders - the lack of which had been a matter of much concern to many banders although, as he pointed out, the method of giving location by geographical coordinates is more precise in many cases than giving town, county and state; once one becomes accustomed to using the coordinates with a map, little difficulty should be encountered.

Dr. Jeff Swinebroad of Douglass College, New Brunswick, N. J., spoke on "Radar and Migration" - what he described as a preliminary report on the use of radar to study bird migration. He described studies which had already been made, and showed slides of what appears on the radar screen: once techniques of using radar for this purpose are refined and perfected, it should be possible to get a much more complete picture of bird movements





(Top) John Schmid teaching photography session (Above) George Hitchner with a banded Catbird (FPF Jr.)  
 (Center) Head Table at the Banquet (Photos by FPF)  
 (Below) The Annual Banquet (J. Douglas Whitman)



than can be obtained by observers, with their limited field of view. With radar, the nature of the bird movement, its extent, time, area covered and general direction can be ascertained, but of course there is no indication of the species involved, nor of anything more than the most general idea of numbers of birds. In studies already made, no particular concentrations of birds were noted along the coast, which belies the impression gained at places such as Island Beach: the birds appeared to be moving across a broad front. No correlation has been found, in these radar studies, between the nature of the bird movement and such factors as overcast, ceiling, and visibility.

John T. Linehan of the Fish & Wildlife Service discussed new methods of capturing and banding blackbirds, which is also discussed elsewhere in this issue. He showed slides of the traps used, and gave the impression that the problem is not catching birds, but having enough help to band all that are caught!

The morning session closed with a talk by Louis H. Reichel of Philadelphia, "How Bird Banding Secured a Bird Sanctuary in Philadelphia" - he described and showed slides of the Pennypack Bird Sanctuary in Philadelphia.

**AFTERNOON SESSION** As a new departure from past programs of EBBA meetings, the afternoon was devoted to a "Workshop" rather than a continuation of the papers sessions. Using different rooms of the Cape May High School, many different groups met to discuss specific subjects. These were divided into formal class or lecture sessions, and informal discussion groups - a total of 14 sessions, which are described in detail in the last issue of EBBA NEWS. Briefly, the subjects discussed were the use of mist nets, dissection to ascertain sex, planning of projects for study (both novice and advance sessions), photography of birds for record purposes, examining live birds, traps and trapping, record keeping, and ascertaining age and sex of such species as warblers, flycatchers, and others. It was the concensus of opinion of the membership, after the Workshop, that this type of program was extremely valuable and, with modifications, ought to be continued at future meetings.

**BANQUET** The annual banquet was held at 6:30 pm. in the Carroll Villa, hungrily attended by 178 people. After the meal E. Alexander Bergstrom showed a short documentary-type film on banding in Malaya, and John Schmid, in his usual entertaining way, showed his new movie "Sand, Nets and Feathers" - a delightful and comprehensive color film about the Operation Recovery project at Island Beach, N. J. The first reel showed the people, the place, and the activities of the project; the second was devoted to birds, and showed around 80 of the species caught there.

**FIELD TRIPS ON SUNDAY** Early Sunday morning Walter Bigger and Chandler Robbins put up a line of nets in the woods at Cape May Point where, in





Scenes  
of the  
Sunday  
Field Trip  
(by  
FPF Jr. &  
J.D. Whitman)

the fall, there is an Operation Recovery station. The entrance to this net lane served as a meeting place for the walks around Cape May Point led by DVOC members Joseph Cadbury, Allan Brady, and Robert Sehl - and as a convenient place for the conversations and discussions which are characteristic of these meetings. Birds were plentiful, although not many were netted. An Orange-crowned Warbler was discovered by Mrs. Dater, and was seen by this author and a few others.

At 10 am. a car-caravan trip was taken from the town of Cape May Point to Higbee's Beach a few miles away on the bay side of the peninsula, passing McPherson's farm, famed as one of the first places (and still sometimes the only one) where Cattle Egrets could be seen. But today Cattle Egrets were more plentiful - 10 of them were found in a field about halfway between Cape May Point and Higbee's Beach; two more in another swampy field nearby, and another at McPherson's farm. (And - on the way home the Frazier's found a Cattle Egret feeding in a field beside the Garden State Parkway, 113 miles north of Cape May!) A Red-headed Woodpecker, rare in this region, was seen not far from Higbee's Beach.

For those who could stay, another car-caravan trip went north from Cape May along the ocean highway to Stone Harbor, site of a famous heron rookery which now is a sanctuary. The Stone Harbor Rookery was full of nesting American and Snowy Egrets, Black and Yellow-crowned Night Herons, Little Blue Herons, and - up to a few years ago a great rarity - a good number of Glossy Ibis. A Hudsonian Curlew on the marshes between Stone Harbor and the Parkway marked the end of an excellent EBBA meeting.

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Sunday Field Trip:  
New EBBA President  
Merrill Wood in center  
(Photo by FPF)