



NEWS in brief

Don Bleitz, president of the Bleitz Wildlife Foundation, writes: "I'm enclosing a sample of the mono-filament webbing. This is made for a hairnet and the only problem is that it is made in maximum widths of 3 feet. They must change their machines to make the webbing 8'-6" wide for our 7 foot nets. They are working on an alternation in their machine in order to do this for me. If you will stretch this mono-filament net out you will quickly determine that any small bird which hits it will be caught. It is plenty heavy enough to hold up to thrush size birds without difficulty."



Chuck and Chip Neel write: "While we were at Island Beach we netted and banded a Marsh Hawk, a new bird for Operation Recovery there. . .also netted and banded 5 Pine Siskins that had never been caught there before, so you can see we really had more than our share of luck."



"Our Operation Recovery station (at Powdermill Nature Reserve, Rector, Pa.) has been reasonably successful here this autumn," writes Bob Leberman -- "particularly with warblers. Most amazing, however, was our 1963 Hummingbird total -- 360!!!"



Gladys (Mrs. Richard D.) Cole, of Towson, Maryland, has become EBBA's tenth Life Member. Besides being an active bander herself, Gladys Cole takes considerable interest in teaching young persons what banding is all about. We hope to have an article on this for publication in EBBA News not too long from now.



EBBA's Treasurer asks us to remind banders that membership cards are only sent to new members. Persons who pay their dues to renew their membership no longer receive cards. This action was taken at the 1958 annual meeting in order to save expense. EBBA members do not realize, perhaps, that the current cost of printing and mailing EBBA News (now that we are printing some 48 pages per issue) is in excess of \$3.00 annually per member.



Since we are back on schedule with this issue, we trust it will be received by members in time to carry our heartfelt wishes for a most Merry Christmas and a New Year that holds interesting banding and encouraging results for all of us.



Deadline for the January-February issue is January 13th. Already scheduled for this issue: "A Tern-Banding Project at the Dry Tortugas" by James Richardson; new regular features will include "A Bird Bander's Diary" by Ralph K. Bell and a Book Review Department edited (we hope) by Mabel Gillespie.