



Emil Berger writes "I have been meaning for some time to send you a clipping from The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin of Nov. 16, 1964. It isn't very often that bird banding gets into a major newspaper -- even as a pot-boiler." The clipping reads:

"Viana do Castelo, Portugal, Nov. 16--(UPI)--A Soviet starling was shot down over this city yesterday. The identification tag read: R 0221/8 -- Moscow."



Constance Katholi writes: "Has anyone ever observed how smooth and polished the bands become on White-breasted Nuthatches? Like silver bracelets! Is this caused by some habit or activity of this bird?"



Howard A. W. Kates writes: "Can some member tell me where I may purchase a Verball Pole Trap? The Animal Trap Co., of Lititz, Pa. does not manufacture them any more and I am anxious to purchase one or two." Give Howard an answer at 2144 N. E. 4th Avenue, Boca Raton, Florida 33432.



Sister Jane Patricia writes: "I have just returned from the Audubon Camp in Maine, and I recommend it heartily to all banders. We saw the Leach's Petrel in its burrows on an island in Muscongus Bay, and we saw a raft of several thousand Eider Ducks in eclipse, and many more of the ocean birds.



In memory of Horace Groskin a gift has been made to the EBBA Memorial Fund. A gift has also been made to the Fund in memory of Dr. Harold Wood. EBBA members are reminded that gifts to this fund are tax deductible. The income from the Fund is used to finance EBBA's Award in Ornithology (see page 221).



It is none too soon to be arranging for papers you might give at the 1966 EBBA Annual Meeting. Those who wish to present papers at Schwenksville, Pa in April should send particulars to the Program Committee Chairman, Miss Rebecca Cregar, 223 Matsonford Road, Radnor, Pennsylvania.



EBBA's Treasurer, Elise Dickerson, urges members to pay their dues promptly. This saves our Treasurer a considerable amount of time and trouble -- and also helps EBBA's finances, which are ever in need of help if EBBA News is to increase in size and usefulness to you.



Deadline for the November-December issue will be Nov. 12. This is early -- but the Editor aims to get the issue into the mails before the heavy Christmas rush. Members planning to send in pictures, articles or news for publication in this issue are urged to do so as far in advance of the deadline as possible.

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