



Plastic sheet material for Yunik-style decoys, writes Emil Berger, is listed in the catalog of the General Electric Co., Laminated Products Dept., Coshocton, Ohio, as NEMA grade X paper base phenolic sheet in various thicknesses. A letter to community-relations conscious companies, he adds, tactfully explaining why product, sometimes produces pleasantly surprising results.



The 84th Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union will be held this year from September 5 to 9 at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota. For further details, write P. B. Hofslund, Chairman, Local Committee, Biology Department, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota 55812.



If orders for nets haven't been filled, here's the reason: Eleanor Dater writes that "after 9 years of duty, I'm taking a vacation from selling nets -- no orders will be filled from June 1 to July 10, 1966.

Questions from Constance Katholi



Does anyone know how soon immature Purple Martins lose the bright yellow lining inside the mouth? Do all birds-of-the-year go south before attaining the pink interior of the adult bird? Or will young birds from the first or earliest broods make the change in July or August before leaving the United States? Perhaps banders who handle Purple Martins in the nesting boxes and in the vicinity of the houses can help with this.



An adult Purple Finch taken here March 1966 had a crescent-shaped white crusty spot or scab anterior to the right eye. Is this evidence of disease?

Is a swollen, purplish sack (the size of a pea) on the neck of a Junco a tick? And what can the bander do about it?



A clearing-house for questions such as these, perhaps incorporated in EBBA News, would be most welcome to banders such as I am reading currently of the several projects being carried on parasites and viruses. Most of this, however, is too technical at my level. A concise, short-hand reference is needed.

(Editor's note: We shall be glad to act as a clearing-house for questions and answers like Constance Katholi's.)



Deadline for the July-August issue will be July 20. We shall be away during all August with our newest grandchild, Susan Tracy Freehafer, and the Cape Cod birdlife during that month. Members are asked to cooperate and we'll get the July-August issue out on time!