



NEWS in brief

Dorothy Briggs writes: "During the morning of August 8th I looked out to see if I had any birds in my traps. One 3-cell Potter trap appeared to have the middle cell stuffed with leaves. These leaves proved to be a young cock Pheasant, completely within the trap. This is a small Potter trap with door openings of only $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 inches.

This bird wore a Mass. F & G band #A5-6767. The bird was released unharmed but minus several tail feathers. He is still around and doing a great job of de-activating my traps."



"Speaking of Pheasants," Dorothy Briggs continues, "This past spring I heard of an odd accident. A pheasant flew across the highway in front of a car, and hit the radio antenna so hard that the antenna broke off the car. The driver stopped, and was amazed to find the bird lying in the road with the antenna completely wrapped around his body, pinioning the wings. The bird was taken to the local vet, antenna and all, but did not survive the ordeal."



Constance Katholi writes of a "comical sight" -- a Goldfinch, secure in hammock-like pocket of an untethered net, being blown along the trammel line by gusty March winds, while a second Goldfinch, balancing precariously on the top trammel of the same net, watched the unseemly conduct of his comrade.



It is most pleasing to note that Chan Robbins new book, BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA (which we trust every member owns a copy of by now) is getting such splendid reviews. We have found the book indispensable -- on operation recovery, at the home banding station, while traveling -- and have given copies to various far-flung children who report like enthusiasm over the help it gives them.



EBBA Treasurer Elise Dickerson reports that our newest EBBA Life Member is Dr. Sally Hoyt Spofford, of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, at Ithaca, New York.



Every member is urged to send in his or her report of birds banded in 1966 (using the enclosed Report Form) to Betty Knorr, 58 Steamboat Landing Road, South Amboy, New Jersey 08879.



The Fish & Wildlife Service has sent us a copy of their newest book, BIRDS IN OUR LIVES, "A Many-sided Story about Birds and how They Influence Our Lives." It will be reviewed in a future issue.



Deadline for the January-February 1967 issue will be January 13. Members who have news, articles, or pictures they wish to have published are urged to send in material as far in advance of that date as possible.