



At April's meeting a part of the Council Meeting discussion centered on the plight of the "home station bander" who finds learning difficult for two reasons: first, lack of opportunity to handle numbers of birds of any one species during migration; and second, lack of opportunity to consult with a

more experienced bander. Realizing this situation some Operation Recovery stations will be willing to assist such banders this fall by allowing them to come to the station as "working visitors". The ground rules will vary but will follow these general lines:

(1) The visitor may not band any birds. The reason for this should be obvious to any bander. (2) The visitor must be prepared to pitch in and be put to work as the station situation requires. Examples: during a rush period he may be asked to record and become too busy even to see the birds handled, or he might be needed to rustle up some food at such a time for the regular crew. In return for his assistance the regular crew would, when not rushed, help him with identification, aging and sexing problems.

A complete list of O.R. stations willing to have "working visitors" has not yet been completed. If any of you want to spend part or all of your vacation at an O.R. station drop me a line and I will try to match you up with a station.

In fact, it would be a big help if some member offered to take charge of matching people with willing O.R. stations.

Anyone interested in participating in PAIU this fall please send me a self-addressed stamped envelope for the new directions and forms. From those of you who spoke to me at the meeting and letters from others there appears to be enough interest to continue the project and obtain more meaningful results.

The lending library is still in the nebulous stage. We have had fine offers from universities, state libraries and individuals to house and care for the books. We now have to negotiate for the collection and seek additional books from you to enlarge it before we can select from the generous offers to manage the library.

Wishing you all excellent spring banding ...

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NEW AGE CODES In a memorandum about to be mailed to all banders (MTAB 7) the Banding Office has set forth a new system of reporting a banded bird's age. This new system becomes effective July 1, 1967.