



We have heard from Earl L. Atwood, expeditor of the project "Birds as Disseminators of Tick-borne Infectious Diseases" (Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Va. 23508), that field examination of birds for ticks has been terminated. He writes, "We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all of our cooperators and to advise you that we are

now planning to prepare a series of papers from data obtained. The first paper is in the review stage at this time and deals with the laboratory results of isolation attempts for Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Q fever, and Powassan virus... A second paper dealing with bird species tick infestation rate...and other related data is planned for preparation in early 1969." Reprints of papers will be sent, as available, to cooperators in this project who write Mr. Atwood indicating their interest in having them.



Winifred Bower of Basking Ridge, N.J., writes, "I've just returned from a nature tour of East Africa and added 421 birds to my 'life list'. This was a bird, botany, ecology, archaeology and mammal tour and I highly recommend it to banders and birders. It's rugged but we were in a constant state of anticipation and surprise each day!"



Elting Arnold of Chevy Chase, Maryland, is the newest addition to EBBA's growing list of Life Members. Mr. Arnold was, incidentally, the only EBBA member as far as we can recall who visited the Editor in Peru, apart from John Weske who was there for two summers doing ornithological studies.



More on Starlings, from Charles H. Blake: "I was greatly interested to see that Dorothy Bordner gets returns on Starlings. I never had one. However, of the 123 Starlings that I have banded in the last 11 years, 67 have been taken in a nest-box trap. These birds have not only not returned, they have not even repeated. I was able to sex 64 of these birds. There have been 58 males and only six females. I assume that the male generally makes the initial exploration of nest sites."



We are very grateful to have Dennis Puleston's excellent remarks on the late Walter Terry, published on page 196 of this issue, and only regret that despite Mr. Puleston's considerable efforts to locate one, no suitable photograph could be found for publication with the article. Treasurer Elise Dickerson reports that a donation has been made in memory of Mr. Terry, to the Memorial Grant Fund.



This issue will reach you a bit late, since the Editor took a week's vacation to Maine (and enjoyed the daily presence of Boreal Chickadees, Black Guillemots and Ravens) when he should have been preparing EBBA News for the printer ... but the deadline for the next issue is still November 1, so please get material to us as far ahead of that date as possible.