

DISBURSEMENTS:

Meals:

Friday Night Dinner	79 @ 7.75	612.25
Saturday Breakfast	67 @ 1.45	97.15
Saturday Lunch	87 @ 4.45	387.15
Banquet	168 @ 6.50	1092.00
Sunday Breakfast	45 @ 1.45	65.25
Ed Johnson		9.50
Seaside Park Board of Education		25.00
Local Committee		91.00
Plates		157.50
Refunds (2 Reg., 2 Banquets)		<u>19.00</u>

Total Disbursements \$ 2,555.80

Net to EBBA \$ 173.40

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Davis H. Corkran, Treas.
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ANNUAL MEETING PHOTO CREDITS

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To both of you, our sincere thanks.

Editor

Presentation of Gifts to our Charter Members at the 50th
Annual Meeting

1st Vice President C. N. Rose, presented mementos of the 50th Annual Meeting to our three charter members at the Banquet. Unfortunately, Mrs. Gillespie could not be present.

TO RAYMOND MIDDLETON: For his early founding efforts in bringing EBBA into being. His warm greetings and friendship have lent confidence to many of us new to the Association. Especially to me....

TO MABEL GILLESPIE: A small token of appreciation for you, and in memory of your late husband John, for the many articles you have contributed to EBBA and EBBA NEWS. They served as a "threshold" from which members could depart in their projects.

TO HAROLD CLEAVES: Another member of our founding committee. Now that we've become re-acquainted, we hope you'll give more of your time and experience to EBBA.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

I do want to thank you all for being honored as a charter member at the Island Beach Fiftieth Anniversary meeting. The glass bird that was given is very beautiful and shall enjoy it for a long time as I see it every day on our mantel over the fireplace.

It has been my good fortune to having attended all but the first two meetings of EBBA, each year we are able to renew old friendships which we cherish and if lucky make new friends. The wholesome atmosphere that prevails at the annual meetings surely makes one look forward to the next year.

Thanks again and with kindest wishes, my I remain,

Cordially yours,

Raymond J. Middleton
131 N. Whitehall Road
Norristown, Penna.



TWO OF OUR THREE CHARTER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE HOWARD CLEAVES(LEFT) AND RAYMOND MIDDLETON(RIGHT). BETWEEN THEM IS THE PERSON WHO MADE THIS A GREAT MEETING: MRS. KATHERINE PRICE.

IN THE PHOTO ON THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE WE FIND, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: DOROTHY BORDNER, ANNE MAE RAINIER, JEANE JONKEL, MRS.ERMA FISK AND CHAN ROBBINS.

PAPER SESSION AT ANNUAL MEETING

Valerie M. Freer

The paper session of the EBBA meeting April 27-29, 1973, at Island Beach, N. J., began with a presentation titled "Annual Variation of Breeding Success of Three Species" by Dr. D.B. Peakall and Robert Pantle. They used data collected in the North American Nest Record Card Program in an analysis of nesting success in Robins, Mourning Doves, and Eastern Bluebirds. The U.S. was divided into four regions: Northeast, Great Lakes Basin, Southeast, and West; nesting success each year (as compared with a pre-1965 level) for each area was graphed. Data from at least 10,000 nests per species showed an increase in unfertile eggs in all three species as compared with pre-1965 levels. Dr. James Tate, who presented the paper for the authors, explained that this may be an indication of environmental quality.

Mr. O.A. Ramsay gave a presentation on "Blue Jay Calls and Mimesis". He played taped notes and calls of captive and wild Blue Jays, including the not often recorded "Whisper" song and Blue Jay imitations of a Red-shouldered Hawk, Crow, and Screech Owl. Mr. Ramsay repeatedly whistled to hand-reared young; in time, they incorporated the whistle into their song. He also was able to get young Blue Jays to repeat portions of a 4-note phrase.

Leroy Wilcox reported on "Banding Willet and Oystercatchers on Long Island". The Willet has begun nesting on Long Island in recent years; Mr. Wilcox has had five returns from nine banded birds. He has also studied and photographed the plumage of Oystercatchers from the time of hatching. Mr. Wilcox's slides showed the differences in eye and bill color between young birds and adults. He also showed several interesting slides of the adult Oystercatcher eye, clearly showing an extra black spot present below the pupil.

A report on the "Cape May Point Raptor Banding Station" was given by Bill Clark. Combinations of trap types are used at two stations at Cape May from Labor Day through October in a study of hawk migration. Mr. Clark showed slides of the banding operations, including pictures of a European Kestrel caught in 1972 (the second North American record). He has