



NEWS in brief

Brooke Worth writes that he has heard from F&W about the male Cowbird he netted on 04-18-66 (Page 168 previous issue). No. 681-57468 was banded 12-31-64 by ALA COOP WL RES U, "which I take to be the Alabama Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. The site was near Auburn, Ala.



Frank Frazier Jr. is to be Guest Leader for Orville Crowder's group (as he was when Orville took his first tour to Peru a couple of years ago). The Peru part of the tour will be for a week starting October 9 and will include seeing Cuzco and Machu Picchu, as well as a day on the Pacific to see the birds of the Humboldt Current and the guano islands.



Mrs. (Sally Hoyt) Spofford writes from the Cornell Laboratory that their North American Nest-Record Card Program is anxious to get contributors to complete and return their nest record cards. Last year, she writes, over 25,000 completed cards were returned.



Everyone we've heard from is loath to have Eleanor Dater retire as chairman of EBBA's Net Committee. Little known, perhaps, is that in addition to ordering, receiving and servicing orders for nets she found time to promote and carry through the removal of the customs payment on importing nets from abroad.



Ann Shreve wrote in July that her major project in July and August was banding in a Purple Martin roost. She wrote that "about a week ago the birds moved to a new location and that it was proving difficult to find them. Finding them," she says, "consists of locating a small, gathering flock and attempting to follow them to their roosting place by car. It all goes well until they cross a river where there is no bridge or a field where there is no road."



Every bander ought to procure a copy of Chan Robbins just published field guide BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA (see the brief review on page 234). We first used this guide at Island Beach Operation Recovery and found it more helpful than all the other half dozen books we keep handy and use whenever we band.



It's not too soon to begin planning to attend EBBA's 1967 Annual Meeting - April 7-9 at Laurel, Maryland. One feature of the meeting will be a visit to the Banding Office, of course. This is an inspiring and memorable event, as we remember from the annual meeting held near there previously.



Deadline for the November-December issue is November 18, and as usual the Editor will greatly appreciate receiving news, articles and pictures as far in advance of that date as possible.