

Val Nolan, Jr. (1708 N. Fee Lane, Bloomington, Ind.) is interested in purchasing a complete set of *Bird-Banding* in good condition.

The ornithological library of the late Arthur Cleveland Bent has been presented to the University of Massachusetts, as a memorial, by Mrs. Bent.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is asking banders along the east coast to band at least 10 *nestlings* apiece of the Redwinged Blackbird during 1959. Banding individuals once they have left the nest is of some help in their studies of damage to crops by this species. However, in the past very few birds have been banded in the nest. Only these nestlings can tell us definitely just where the birds damaging crops were reared, and thus from what area the flocks gathered in the grain fields. Here is a real opportunity for most banders to contribute to a cooperative study, without great effort on their part. Details may be obtained from Mr. Brooke Meanley, Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Md.

NEBBA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, 1958

The various financial statements for the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1958 reflect its increasingly varied activities.

Mr. Harlow has instituted a double-entry bookkeeping system for our general accounts, and made some other changes, which are designed to show somewhat more details, and to separate various funds more specifically, than in the past. The 1957 and 1958 figures are not strictly comparable, as the 1958 figures tend to overstate the operating loss slightly, to understate the net worth slightly, and to understate amounts in separate funds by a somewhat larger amount.

The expenses shown in the general statement for printing reflect longer issues than in past years; the increase in printing rates (the first since 1951) accounts for about \$380 of this sum, on three issues (we show costs of the four issues for which bills are received during the fiscal year—October, 1957, and January through July, 1958). We hope that a continuation of our present rate of growth in paid circulation will narrow the gap between income and expenses for the 1959 fiscal year.

As of October 31, 1958, we had spent \$299.60 on preparation of the ten-year index for 1941-50. The expenses incurred during the 1958 fiscal year are shown under the subheading for the Index Fund, but not in the general list of expenses (income for the Index Fund will be treated similarly). The first draft of the typescript for the index has been completed, and a satisfactory quotation received for preparation by photo-offset, so that the volume may be ready by the end of 1959.

The statement for our new Nantucket Ornithological Research Station Fund shows a substantial carryover, as the active season in 1958 was shorter than that contemplated in 1959 and 1960. The practice of appointing an Assistant Treasurer to handle a sizeable separate fund like this relieves the heavy burdens of the Treasurer. Such Assistant Treasurers do not become members of the NEBBA Council *ex officio*, but may be members if elected in the usual way, as John H. Conkey was at the last annual meeting.

The Mist Net Account had another active year, despite the imposition of U. S. customs duties which made it necessary to increase the price of nets. From March 20, 1958 to date, our standard net (type A) was never out of stock, and we hope to keep it in stock continuously during the current year as well, so that orders can be filled immediately. The greater part of the "miscellaneous" expenses represent reprints of Seth Low's paper on the use of mist nets (*Bird-Banding*, 28: 115-128). These reprints are being distributed without charge, to stimulate interest in the use of nets and to help users of nets to master the special techniques necessary.

The number of types of nets in stock increased to four, including type D, which is 6 meters long (like type B) but 4 shelves high (like type A). We also have a few experimental shorebird nets, like type C but undyed (white) instead of black. It has been suggested that these may work better than a black net for daytime use on a white beach, or that they should be dyed to match a brownish background; but these theories have not yet been confirmed. For prices and other details on nets in stock, please write to E. Alexander Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford 7, Conn.

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT — 1958

PROFIT AND LOSS SHEET

RECEIPTS

	1957	1958
Subscriptions and dues	\$2,434.43	\$2,508.00
Sales of back issues	154.00	72.75
Other Income (donations, etc.)	200.75	100.00
Interest	80.46	66.75
Total	<u>\$2,869.64</u>	<u>\$2,747.70</u>

EXPENSES

Printing of <i>Bird-Banding</i>	\$1,961.55	\$2,762.07
Other printing and stationery	71.20	396.91
Postage and clerical	204.25	
Bank charges54	.72
Index clerical	150.00	
Miscellaneous	24.00	10.00
Total	<u>\$2,411.54</u>	<u>\$3,169.70</u>
Net operating profit, 1957	508.10	
Net operating loss, 1958		451.42

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash	\$4,619.08	\$4,174.18
Back issues of <i>Bird-Banding</i>	1.00	1.00
Accounts receivable		36.00
Total	<u>\$4,620.08</u>	<u>\$4,211.18</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Reserve for October <i>Bird-Banding</i>	\$ 507.81	\$ 537.23
Subscriptions paid in advance	20.30	58.00
Index Fund	1,450.00	1,300.40
Life Membership Fund	375.00	500.00
Net worth	<u>2,266.97</u>	<u>1,815.55</u>

INDEX FUND REPORT

Accumulated 1957	\$1,450.00
Expenses 1958	149.60
Net Reserve 1958	1,300.40

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND REPORT

Accumulated 1957	375.00
Additions 1958	125.00
Net Reserve 1958	500.00

HUGH E. HARLOW, Treasurer

MIST NET ACCOUNT — 1958

PROFIT AND LOSS SHEET

RECEIPTS

	1957	1958
Sale of nets	\$2,112.36	\$2,392.93
Gifts	30.00	—
Total	<u>\$2,142.36</u>	<u>\$2,392.93</u>

EXPENSES

Cost of nets (and incidental expenses)	\$2,254.11	
Cost of nets, postage, customs		\$2,475.52
Miscellaneous		86.23
Paid on loans	180.00	257.45
Total	<u>\$2,434.11</u>	<u>\$2,819.20</u>
Net operating profit	397.40	365.62

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 306.14	\$ 327.87
Accounts receivable	43.25	178.61
Nets on hand (at cost to date)	4.50	633.23
Nets on order (at cost to date)	1,217.50	402.50
Other	2.40	7.00
Total	<u>\$1,573.79</u>	<u>\$1,549.21</u>

LIABILITIES

Nets paid in advance	\$ 147.50	\$ 14.75
Loans	557.45	300.00
Reserve for contingencies	200.00	300.00
Surplus	668.84	934.46
Total	<u>\$1,573.79</u>	<u>\$1,549.21</u>

E. ALEXANDER BERGSTROM, Assistant Treasurer

NANTUCKET ORNITHOLOGICAL RESEARCH STATION — 1958

RECEIPTS

Donation	\$5,000.00
Net Account (transmittal for insurance)	19.50
Federal Income Tax withheld	153.40
Social Security Tax withheld	38.94
Total	<u>\$5,211.84</u>

EXPENSES	
Salaries	\$1,730.00
Travel expense	300.00
Income Tax withheld	153.40
Social Security Tax	77.88
Insurance	92.30
Printing	42.96
Bank charge69
Miscellaneous	25.00
Balance forward	<u>2,789.61</u>
Total	<u>\$5,211.84</u>

JOHN H. CONKEY, Assistant Treasurer