



We are planning a special issue of EBBA NEWS for May-June - extra copies will be given to visiting banders who are coming to the International Ornithological Congress at Ithaca, N.Y. ★ ★ ★ The drawing for Mrs. Lueshen's piece on "Holding the Bird for Banding" (see p.22 this issue) was done by C.G.Pritchard, artist for the Nebraska Game, Forestation and Parks Commission. ★ ★ ★ Our Art Editor, whose

delightful drawings make these pages sparkle, writes that "business is pretty slow in the traps at present. Probably because there has been a hawk in the area. We have banded less than 400 Evening Grosbeaks this month but have almost 1800 for the winter. Several returns have appeared. Also our Junco is back for his seventh straight year." (Is this a Junco longevity record? - Ed.) ★ ★ ★ The Island Beach Operation Recovery Report is at hand - a magnificent report it is -- listing day by day records of each species banded, number of banders, net hours and other pertinent information. We hope to have an article on Island Beach O.R. in the next issue. In the meantime, those who wish copies of this report should send 25¢ to Mabel Warburton or Elise Dickerson, co-directors. ★ ★ ★

WHO MAKES TRAPS NOWADAYS? Several members have asked us who makes single cell traps now that Geoff Gill is no longer active. Anyone having answers please rush them to Ebba News ★ ★ ★ Ed Noll, electronics expert and bird bander, writes that his business has been cutting into his banding activities during the last several years but that he is hoping to get back to active banding again now ★ ★ ★ Writes Mary June Wolcott, "we read of new banders Martha and Charles Neel banding 500 birds of 17 species and wonder if this could lead to a 'can you top this?' Ruth C. Erickson and I received our banding licenses on Labor Day, and banded only weekends during September and October 1961, missing only one. Thus, in a total of 16 days we banded 918 birds of 59 different species." ★ ★ ★ Trudy Smith writes that she banded 492 Black-capped Chickadees in 1961 -- all except 54 of them after October 12th. Nearly all of the Chickadees banded were going West -- the heaviest banding was from October 12 to November 3 ★ ★ ★

"WHILE MAKING GATHERING CAGES," write Chuck and Chip Neel, "to go on our all purpose traps, we wanted some thin metal to go around the edges, where we had cut the hardware cloth and had left a rough edge which scratches arms and tears sleeves. We took a cafe curtain rod of the kitchen variety, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter, cut it to the length wanted, opened it enough to slip over the hardware cloth, then pinched it flat and tight with pliers. This seemed to do the trick nicely."

PLEASE SAY HELLO TO US at the Annual Meeting. Tell us how we can make Ebba News a more interesting and more valuable publication. We think this is going to be EBBA's best meeting -- come and help make it so! ★ ★ ★