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Let Us Band Together

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## OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are progressing for our annual meeting to be held in New York at the American Museum of Natural History, February 23-24-25. The general program is as follows:

Friday evening: 7:30 - 10 P.M. Social reception in Roosevelt Auditorium at the American Museum of Natural History. The exhibits of traps, pictures and other material will be on display at this time. Come and meet your fellow-banders. Get acquainted. Refreshments will be served.

Friday evening: 7:30 - 10 P.M. The executive council will meet at the Museum in Room 319. The council members and chairmen of committees are urged to be on hand early so that all important business can be put in shape to present to the members the next day.

Saturday: 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. The sessions on Saturday morning will start promptly at ten o'clock in the Roosevelt Auditorium. It is planned to complete the election of officers and other business during the first hour so that the rest of the session can be devoted to the presentation of papers and discussion.

Saturday evening: Plan to attend our second annual banquet. Dr. Robert C. Murphy, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, will speak. There will also be motion pictures of birds.

Sunday: Weather permitting, a field trip is being arranged for those who wish to stay over.

## IMPORTANT

We are looking forward to an even larger attendance this year than we had at Philadelphia last year. Are you coming? You can aid the local committee considerably if you will communicate with Mrs. M. V. Beals, 5833 85th St., Elmhurst, N.Y. In order to facilitate our plans for refreshments and the banquet please send a post card to Mrs. Beals stating your expectations, whether you will be present for the social reception and the banquet, so that we can plan for you. We promise an enjoyable and interesting meeting.

There is still much time available for papers on our program. The membership must cooperate. Write to our secretary, Dr. C. Brooke Worth, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, Princeton, N.J. at once. Papers will be limited to ten or fifteen minutes to allow ample time for discussion. Send your titles and time required to Dr. Worth. Help make this meeting go down in history as a real advancement for the E.B.B.A.

### EXHIBITS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Traps, and other banding equipment for display should be sent to Mr. J. T. Nichols, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th St., New York, N.Y. Send a post card to Mr. Nichols at once if you are planning to contribute to the exhibit so that plans for space can be arranged. These materials should be on hand before Friday afternoon, Feb. 23.

Maps, pictures and charts should be sent to Mrs. Beals. If your charts are bulky please send them to Mr. Nichols. We plan to have a large exhibit of bird photographs taken by members. Please send in your pictures for this exhibit.

Several of our members have used bird pictures for their Christmas cards. A few of the members have suggested an exhibit of such Christmas cards. Send a sample of yours to Mrs. Beals so that it can be included with the rest.

### MORE NEW MEMBERS

Alpert, Bernard, 170 Broadway, New York, N.Y.  
Bowdish, Mrs. B.S., Demarest, N.J.  
Boehrer, Charles A., 500 St. John's Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Edwards, Ernest P., Sweet Briar, Va.  
Fielder, Mrs. Cecilie D., Mustato Road, Katonah, N.Y.  
McIntosh, William J., Box 493, Panama City, Fla.  
Queens County Bird Club, House of the Weeping Beech, 143-25 Washington Place, Flushing, N.Y.  
Rosenthol, Harold L., 1053 East Elizabeth Ave., Linden, N.J.  
Ungemah, Robert K., 10 Jackson Ave., White Plains, N.Y.

All checks should be made payable to the Eastern Bird Banding Association. Dues should be sent to William Pepper, Jr., Treasurer, 110 Glenview Ave., Wyncote, Pa. **HELP INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP!!!**

### BACK PUBLICATIONS OF E.B.B.A. FOR SALE

BULLETIN OF THE EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION: No.1, October, 1924; No.2, (Song Sparrow Number) October, 1925; and No. 3, October, 1927.

EASTERN BIRD BANDING QUARTERLY: Vol. 1, No. 1, May, 1934.

A few copies are still available and can be obtained from Mrs. M.V. Beals at 10 cents each, while they last.

### OBSERVATIONS IN CANADA

In the Spring of 1938 I banded a female Northern Flicker. It was caring for three Starlings in an old stub. The nest was made of wheat chaff, straw and feathers. I also banded a number of Bronzed Grackles. Fifteen of these birds were diseased. Their heads and necks were naked. Their feet were swollen and cracked making it difficult to place Number 3 band. -  
William Lott, London, Canada.

## FUN ENTERS INTO BIR BANDING

Mr. Harold S. Peters had asked our Milledgeville (Ga.) Bird Club to band Chimney Swifts since he felt we might be in a strategic position in their migration route. When the club voted to do it, I was made chairman of the committee for the work. The group who were willing to assist included persons of various walks of life, - professors, dentists, reporters, students and on down to, or up to, Boy Scouts. As long as none of us had ever seen a bird banded, the manual was studied vigorously, and we even had a "dress rehearsal" using an English Sparrow. It was all organized so that each knew his job, whether it was to take from the gathering cage, hold the bird, or band it, open bands or keep a record of the birds captured with bands.

Those of you who have set up Chimney Swift traps know of the strange sensation one has when doing it for the first time. Because of not wishing to disturb the birds in their slumbers, one moves around on the tin roof in the darkness with an attempted stealth that seems to cross between that used by Santa Claus or a robber.

For fear that the birds would get up before we did, we were assembled on the roof on that cool October morning long before sunrise. Each was in the spot that would allow him to work most efficiently. We waited rather quietly at first. The swifts did not awaken. Then we decided to pound the chimney, but they simply fluttered in their sleep. After referring to our manual, we decided to lower a stick on a string to arouse them to action. They only took a short ride on the stick and jumped back to "bed" again. Upon looking for further help in the manual, we found the suggestion of the use of a bell. One of the college girls offered her alarm clock which she brought from her room. That was lowered and when the alarm went off, the clock went off literally too, and has not been found since. It was surely a hilarious group by that time.

We finally found that our trouble was the fact that the trap had not a large enough opening to let in sufficient light to awaken them and arouse them to flight. When they did come in fairly large numbers the group banded over two hundred in eighteen minutes which was a fairly good record for amateurs. Each person there has been an enthusiastic supporter of the project ever since.

Although not amusing, it may be of interest to some to know that we had a chance to make a unique observation when waiting again at sunrise, a few days later, October 11, 1939. Someone said "look at the spot on the sun". At first it was thought to be something between us and the sun, but we found it moved up with the sun. I estimated its diameter in relation to the sun and was sure we should hear of it later. It was not long before it was mentioned in SCIENCE NEWS LETTER, and LIFE had a photograph of it saying it was the largest sun spot ever photographed. It was large enough to hold seventy-five Earths. That morning the banding of birds was insignificant compared with the scientific interest concerning this large explosion on the sun. - Miss Mabel T. Rogers, Georgia State College, Milledgeville, Ga.

This is the last issue of Volume 2 of our news letter, EBBA NUS. Do your part to make Volume 3, bigger better and even more interesting and worth while. Let us know your experiences and your problems. Your suggestions are not only welcomed but invited. Let's make EBBA NUS something to look forward to and let's have EVERY BANDER A MEMBER.

*Geoffrey Gill*  *Bird Attractions!*

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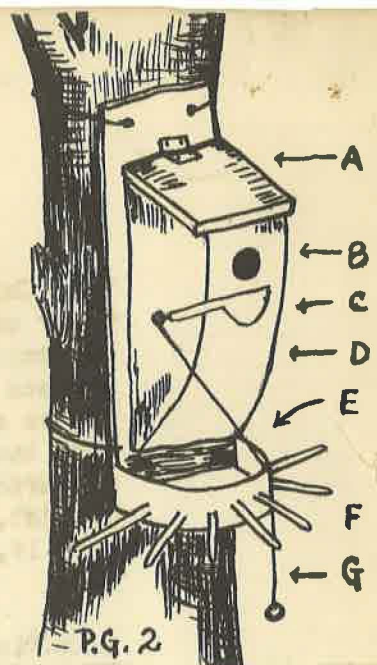
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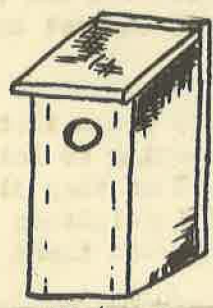
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