

butions towards establishing *Bird-Banding* as a major scientific journal, but its present preeminence is the result of the fine editorship of E. Alexander Bergstrom. We are pleased to express the gratitude of the Northeastern Bird Banding Association to Alex Bergstrom for a job well done.

A more substantial expression of our gratitude was made by the Council of NEBBA at the 1971 Annual Meeting when a sculptured Black-capped Chickadee by G. G. Hopkins was given to Mr. Bergstrom. A plaque attached to the base has inscribed on it:

"To E. Alexander Bergstrom in appreciation of his 21 years as Editor of *Bird-Banding*. Northeastern Bird-Banding Association November 6, 1971."

I am pleased to report that the editorship has passed into the capable hands of Dr. David W. Johnston, and we wish him well in the performance of his new duties.

JAMES BAIRD

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Great Blue Heron: the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology (159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, N. Y. 14850) is starting to compile an inventory of heronries. At the top of the aquatic food chain, this heron may be an important indicator species. Information may be recent or old, detailed or sketchy, including the exact location of the heronry (if possible, in terms of standard topographic maps), a general description of the site, and as much history as possible. Information should be sent to David B. Peakall at the Laboratory.

California, Franklin's and Ring-billed Gulls: are being marked near Calgary, Alberta, Canada as part of a study on local movements. Each carries two colored (black, blue, green, orange, white, and yellow) jesses on each leg, and in addition portions of the plumage may be dyed green, orange or red. Reports of sightings should include date, time and location of sighting, color and location of plumage dye, and color and location of each jess. Information should be sent to D. Vaughn Weselch, Dept. of Biology, Univ. of Calgary, Calgary 44, Alberta, Canada.

Shorebirds: marked with feather dyes on the underparts, and streamers attached to the leg or wing, in the 1971 fall migration (and expected to continue in 1972). Birds caught on the Magdalen Islands (Gulf of St. Lawrence) will be marked yellow, while those caught on Sable Island (off Nova Scotia) will be marked red. The streamer will repeat the last six digits of the band number. Reports should include the locality, date, color of streamer or dye, species, and band number on the streamer. Please weigh the bird if taken alive. Sight records of color-marked shorebirds would be helpful even if the band number cannot be read. Information should be sent to Raymond McNeil, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Univ. of Montreal, C. P. 6128, Montreal 101, Quebec, Canada.

Common and Roseate Terns: were color banded in the summer of 1971 along the Atlantic coast from Nova Scotia to South Carolina, mostly with a single plastic band in addition to the aluminum band. Information should be sent to Miss Helen Hays, Great Gull Island Project, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th St., New York, N. Y. 10024.

House Finches: are being color banded at Hingham and Lexington, Mass. Sight reports should be sent to Mrs. Wallace W. Smyth, Manomet Bird Observatory, Box O, Manomet, Mass. 02345.

Oiled Birds: information on birds banded with oil on them (who banded the bird, where it was banded, the species, the number of oiled birds banded, any returns on oiled birds, and the number of birds banded with spots or traces of oil on them) is requested by Philip B. Stanton, Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Grove St., Upton, Mass. 01568. He has had some success in cleaning badly-oiled birds, using Polycomplex A-11, and will furnish pamphlets upon request.

NOTES AND NEWS

At the annual meeting of NEBBA (at North Dartmouth, Mass., on November 6, 1971) Dr. John H. Kennard was elected president. He succeeded James Baird, who had ably presided over four active and prosperous years for the Association. E. Alexander Bergstrom (retiring as editor) was elected as vice-president, succeeding Dr. Kennard. Mesdame Howard and Downs were reelected as secretary and treasurer, respectively. The new council members are Mrs. John Fiske, Mrs. Daniel J. Regan, and James O. Seamans.

Please mark your calendar for the two 1972 meetings of NEBBA. The spring field meeting is set for Saturday, June 3, at the Manomet Bird Observatory (some late migrants should still be around). The annual meeting is set for Saturday, November 4, tentatively at St. Anselm's College in Manchester, N. H.

Increases in dues and subscriptions for NEBBA, as previously announced, could not be put into effect at the start of the fiscal year (September 1) because of the national price freeze. We are putting an increase into effect early in Phase II of the freeze, because of increases in our costs both prior to the decision to increase dues and subscriptions and since then.

The NEBBA council meeting of November 5, 1971 discussed at length a proposal that 4 or 5 of the banding associations publish a common newsletter (the so-called Great Journal Joining). Most councillors agreed that such a newsletter had attractive possibilities. Opinions were more diverse on the feasibility of the proposal as it stood. The council voted approval of the general concept, and appointment of a committee to look into the feasibility of the proposal (or of some other approach to a common newsletter). The new president appointed Messrs. Baird and Bergstrom, along with himself, to make up the committee. *Bird-Banding* itself is not directly affected by the proposal.

At the annual meeting NEBBA continued its recent custom of making annual grants to the Manomet Bird Observatory, this time for \$295.73 (the odd amount was to clear out a small balance being carried in the treasurer's accounts for a research fund). While the MBO has no formal connection with NEBBA, most of the people active in MBO are also active in NEBBA, and NEBBA has strongly endorsed the scientific and educational work under way at MBO. Memberships in MBO start at \$7.00, and may be sent to Miss Barbara Treat, Manomet Bird Observatory, Box O, Manomet, Mass. 02345.

The Eastern Bird Banding Association is again sponsoring a \$250 grant for an undergraduate or graduate student (in a U. S. college or university) for research in ornithology involving bird banding. Applications may be obtained from Dr. W. D. Merritt, Riverview Road, Rexford, N. Y. 12148. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is March 20, 1972.

The Wilson Ornithological Society will offer one or two Louis Agassiz Fuytes awards (in amounts between \$100 and \$200) and one Margaret Morse Nice award (for \$100), to encourage and stimulate young ornithologists. Development of research interest among amateurs is particularly desired. The recipient need not be associated with an academic organization, and in the case of the Nice award may not be so associated. Applications may be obtained from Val Nolan, Jr., Dept. of Zoology, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, Ind. 47401. Completed applications must be received by 1 May 1972.