

After some eight years of using "stars" to separate articles, etc. in EBBA NEWS, we tired of them at long last and asked Dorothy Bordner to make pictures that would do the job better. Dorothy went to work and made us lots of pictures, many of which you see scattered through these pages. Our placement of her delightful drawings will improve, we promise.

Lillian Cardinali writes that she has banded 74 House Wrens. She says that she and husband Joe visited the Audubon Center at Sharon, Connecticut, and renewed acquaintance with Jane and Stanley Quickmire there.

As they returned with gathering cages full after checking their Island Beach Operation Recovery net lane, Bill and Margaret Pepper found two Catbirds inside their station wagon. They hastily closed the windows, caught and banded these two careless birds.

Henry O. Havemeyer, of Mahwah, N.J. suggests using several sizes of punches, such as carpenters use to drive in nail heads, for opening bands. He states that he himself has been using them for more than forty years.

John V. Dennis, Part I of whose article "Strays and Stragglers" appears in this issue, writes that he is now back in Leesburg, Virginia after a year and a half in Texas, and that he is at present working on "harmless to animal methods of meeting damage problems" Part II of John Dennis' article will be printed in the next issue.

On Harry F. Tyler, Jr.'s list of birds banded in Maine in 1961, three were banded in Maine for the first time: Least Tern, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Blue-winged Warbler. The Blue-winged Warbler was the first substantial record for the state, he writes.

E. C. Clyde, Ebba member of Effingham, S.C. writes that he has been advertising pecan meat for birds in Audubon Magazine and thinks that Ebba members might like to use it. He states that he finds it one of the best feeds or baits for most birds. The price for a 10-pound package -- postage prepaid -- is \$3.00.

Deadline for the November-December issue is November 25.

Members are urged to re-read The President's Message on page 167 of this issue, and send to the Editor items of interest and information for publication.