**EBBA NEWS**

**IN BRIEF**

- Oliver Irwin of Memphis, Tenn., writes Mrs. Lillian Carhart that he banded 100 Grackles and more than 1000 Starlings during the first three weeks of 1960. Before he went into the army, Joe Jell of Clifton, N. J., netted an adult male Robin wearing a plastic green color band (#5) on its left leg. It had no other band so he put #562-2752 on it. Anyone knowing the origin of this bird and band, please let us know. The new address of W. Hydezowski, publisher of THE RING, is 2 Lower Adscombe Road, Croydon, Surrey, England. (If you aren't yet a subscriber to this fine and useful international bird banding magazine, send $2.50 for a year's subscription to Dr. Rydzewski - or to EBBA's Treasurer, who will forward.)

- Mr. Arthur Fast of Arlington, Va., writes that the Evening Grosbeaks are abundant. Bill Ford wrote just before Christmas, "...we banded 116 Evening Grosbeaks this morning and had two returns and five foreign retraps and numerous repeats..."

- North, a willing and able worker at Island Beach, N. J., in 1957 and 1958, writes from the Antipodes, "I am really having a grand time observing and studying Australian birds."

- Frank Frazier Jr. was made a Fellow of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club recently. As with the past three issues, he has prepared this issue of EBBA NEWS for the press.

- Mr. Wilcox of Meriden, Conn., that on a train trip westward, between Detroit and Grand Rapids, "we passed at least a dozen big and I mean big concentrations of flocks of blackbirds... some 15,000 or more in my estimate feeding in stubble fields."

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