Mr. & Mrs. William E. Savell, of Pleasantville, N.J., who have only been banding since August 1959, banded approximately 1,000 birds by March 14th and had 7 recoveries. What a beginning! Bennett Matlack will have to look to his honors! Carl M. Johnson of Rochester, N.Y., writes that he uses the short 5 meter nets for barn doors, culverts, under bridges and in dense woods. Every member should do his best to come to the Annual Meeting — good talks, good pictures, good exchange of trapping, netting and banding information, good friends to meet and plain good fun to share.

FOR A BANDER’S LIGHTER MOMENTS

But a bird in the open never looks like its picture in the birdie books — Or if it once did, it has changed its plumage, And plunges you back into ignorant gloomage. That is why I sit here graying old by inches, Watching the clock instead of finches, But I sometimes visualize in my gin The Audubon that I audubin.

(From “You Can’t Get There from Here”, by Ogden Nash, Little, Brown & Co. 1957.)