

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The President of the Eastern Bird Banding Association has appointed a nominating committee to nominate officers and three councillors whose terms expire at our annual meeting April 23rd, 1949. The members of the nominating committee are as follows:

John A. Gillespie William Pepper, Chairman
LeRoy Wilcox James Bond John T. Nichols

THE HOUR HAS COME

This is the last issue of the NEWS that your present editor will turn out. On April 30th, I am resigning and turning the job over to a highly capable man, Raymond T. Fuller of Winterton, N. Y. After much thought I have come to the decision that it is best both for the NEWS and my own personal interests to step down from the post. The heavy demands of my profession as well as the desire to devote all spare time possible to bird painting and writing have prompted this action.

I wish to thank those contributors whose fine articles made the NEWS what it was, to those who gave me constant encouragement and to all members for being patient with a publication that never seemed to arrive on schedule. I feel that I gained much during the 16 months I edited the NEWS; new friends, new experiences, and a clearer insight into the field of banding. Because of this, I do not plan to desert the NEWS entirely; I will contribute some articles from time to time.

Your new editor, Raymond T. Fuller, needs no introduction for he is well known not only as a bander but as a successful writer as well. He is the author of a number of books on natural history, including the recent Nature Quests and Quizzes, many magazine articles and a bander for many years. The NEWS could not be in better hands.

Mr. Fuller desires the cooperation of all members and subscribers in sending him-often-such items as trap improvements, baits findings, proposals for new projects, and kindred suggestions and reports of general interest.

R. L. SMITH.

Straws in the wind: From the way it looks here, there seems to be some mingled reaction concerning the publication of Mr. Bowdish's fine station report for 1948 in the March issue. Your editor printed it for the very reason that he knew it would stir up some members. For many months he has asked members to submit interesting station reports for publication. But he received only 2 (the second will be published later). Such reports are regular features of the other two banding association publications. They also have a place in EBBA NEWS. Perhaps the report published in March will prompt you to send in a report of your banding work. For the NEWS does need a few contributions to make a full issue every month.

New Bird Bulletins: The Pennsylvania Game Commission has published 2 new bulletins. One, PENNSYLVANIA BIRDLIFE, is a revision of an older edition of the publication of the same name. This booklet was entirely rewritten by E.B.B.A. member Hal H. Harrison, and illustrated with 100 of his photographs as well as 6 color plates by Jacob Bates Abbot. The other is an excellent little discussion on the predatory birds of Pennsylvania entitled PENNSYLVANIA BIRDS OF PREY. Including many photographs and drawings by J.B. Abbot, charts on bird diets based on stomach analyses made of thousands of hawks and owls by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, this booklet is factual and unbiased. Cost of the former is 50¢ each or 40¢ in lots of 20 or more; the latter is 25¢ each or 15¢ in lots of 20 or more, and can be obtained from The Pennsylvania Game Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.