

Your Editor has missed something: he does not recall what a "Verbal" trap is. Maybe other members do not. Maybe we had better print a description in the Nus —if we get a description sent to us.

## CONTROVERSY

EBBANUS would like to print also a list of specific topics of bird-study (by banders) which would make ideal subjects on which to concentrate —i.e. specialize— by those who vote for specialization - rather than general or band-all banding. Mail in some ideas that seem important to you! This controversy between the Special and the General ought to be educative for us to discuss.

## PUZZLING MATTER

The Membership ought to learn why the May and June EBBANUS were so late into the mails. A fault which was probably entirely due to that change in the Publisher (or Printer, as the case may be). The present Editor has been confronted with a situation, the business basis of which proves to be entirely unparalleled in his long and various career. If and/or when the puzzling matters of publishing are straightened out, Editor may possibly be able to explain to Membership how it comes about the appearance of May and June EBBANEWS issues are so long delayed. Editor is writing the foregoing as "copy" for June-July issue, although as yet at this moment he has not seen any May issue.

## FREE BOOKLET

It might be valuable to the membership to learn that The Eastman Kodak Co. (Rochester 4, N. Y.) sends free to applicants an illustrated 16-page booklet "How To Take Bird Pictures". —Likely we all should do more photographing in connection with our trapped birds!

## A. O. U.

The American Ornithologists' Union will meet in Buffalo October 10 to 14, 1949. Meetings will be held in Buffalo Museum of Science; registration commences there Monday. Headquarters are to be in Statler Hotel. Harold Woods informs us that over half our membership belong to A.O.U. Those who have not yet joined may attend meetings and be elected members; but should at once send names to Olin S. Pettingill, Sec'y., Carlton College, Northfield, Minn. No registration fee; but annual dues \$3.00. Field trips October 14. For information write Wm. C. Vaughan, 115 Fairbanks Ave., Kenmore-17, N. Y. —Here's wonderful chance to "meet people" in our line of science!

## Addled Eggs

Anybody know how long a wild bird might stay sitting on nestful of addled eggs? Editor has a Mourning Dove who spent at least four weeks there. Climbing up, he found one egg (not very dirty, but addled) and lots of packed-down manure on the scant structure 15 feet up in his red pine plantation. Ed. had been waiting for "the nestlings" to get big enough to band; but at last got suspicious. In a nearby pine 2 years ago the bands he placed on 3 Green Heron nestlings all slipped off and were found at the foot of the tree a few days later. Replaced them and —they stayed. But nobody ever reported 'em!

Howard Mahnken communicates: "Great horned Owl, banded in nest 3/31/45 at Byram, N. J. shot by hunter 12/16/48 in Pleasant Valley, N. J. --25 miles from nest."