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## AS TO OUR LAST ANNUAL MEETING

Editor is trying to round up some of the papers read (and discussions thereof) at last April's Meeting. He could not attend. Probably most of the material offered there cannot be collected and digested for publication in EBBANEWS—but we hope that material given at all subsequent Meetings will be noted in full or in part in first issue and published as a matter of course for all members to read. Please send in these papers!—Or any abstracts of them.—Or even notes about them!

## THE JACK MINER BIRD SANCTUARY BUDGET

Most of us must know about the unique sanctuary for which Miner established in 1932 a financial Foundation Plan to make possible the perpetual operation of the place. We have just been notified that the Foundation needs money to carry on thru this year. Probably a lot of us could send a few dollars up to help his son operate the vast banding operations there for another season. Address: Jack Miner Migratory Bird Foundation, Inc., Kingsville, Ontario, Canada. (Total Budget for 1949 is \$25,680!)

## SOME NOTES ON 'RETURNS'

Mrs. H. A. Drew, Barre, Vt. —"During summer 1948 I banded 13 Catbirds; Summer of 1949 nine of these returned." —A high percentage this! (Also returning in 1949 were one banded in 1947 and one in 1943!

Answer to "what is a Verbal Trap?" A hawk and owl trap designed for setting on cut-off stump or a post-top. (See June-July issue, p. 3. See also F&WL's 'Bird-banding Notes' for August 1935.)

Mrs. Louise D. Lawrence, Rutherglen, Ontario. —"A Red-eyed Vireo Male and a Myrtle Warbler male banded in Spring of '48, both returned in '49 and established themselves in exactly same territories as before." (Just where on the map is Rutherglen, Mrs. L.?)

Richard Fischer, Flushing, L. I. —"At Beaver Kill (s. w. Catskill area) by August 1, have trapped 16 Returns from my last year 'Specialization program of banding breeders' (see EBBANEWS, March '49). And I've banded here only week-ends. —Full report coming to NEWS in Fall."

Mrs. Lucie McDougall, Port Credit, Ont. —"Thru my newspaper column I've had reports on a Mourning Dove I banded; and people keep reporting nests to me for nestling banding: Green Heron, Sparrow Hawk, Red Shoulder, Gt. Horned Owl, etc. . . . People bring me birds from all over. —Suggest that others start local bird-news columns." (Great idea! says Ed.)

John Gillespie, Glenolden, Pa. —"Just heard of recovery of No. 36-813392) Osprey banded as nestling 7/20/41 at Avalon, N. J., shot at Taylorsville, N. C. 4/2/49".

## RANDOM STRAWS IN THE WIND -- ON NUMBERS

Fordham (Delmar Game Farm, Delmar, N. Y.) "Fewer Balt. Orioles." "All predators in normal or less numbers."

Mrs. Lawrence (Pimisi Bay, Ont. Can't locate it on my maps. EBBAED.) "Spring 1949 migration S-c Juncos: numbers particularly conspicuous. —

White-throats usually scarce. Only 1 White-crown whole season!" "Bluebirds at constant level 5 years." "Female Cowbirds totally absent this season; few males."

Mrs. Dumont (Pequannock, N. J.) "Bird population is heavier than usual."

Mr. & Mrs. Lerch (Penn Yan, N. Y.) "More bluebirds around than we've seen for long time." "Cardinals on increase here; a record of one pair now incubating a third clutch." "Indigo Buntings seem more common this season."

Bowdish & Gill (L. I. & N. N. J.) "More Cowbirds than usual in 1949 —maybe due to N. J. Audubon Soc. (et al making campaign against DDT in this area."

The Kuchs (Pikesville, Md.) "Cowbirds seem rare, 1949."

Charles K. Nichols (Ridgewood, N. J. area) "Kentucky Warblers more generally reported this Spring. Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers, extremely rare a few years ago, now their presence excites only passing comment." "Cerulean Warbler established in northern N. J."

Elinor McEntee (Ridgewood, N. J.) "House Finch —positive identification —found singing; first authentic record. Trapped, banded by Mrs. Dater with 48-47100."

Mr. Daniel Smiley reports: "We have Purple Finches as fairly regular breeding species here at Lake Mohomk, elevation 1250 ft." —This point is on eastern end of Shawangunk Mt., southeastern N. Y. (Editor lives along western end of this Mountain.)