

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 EB-BANEWS, 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 Mohonk, elevation 1250 ft.” —This point is on eastern end of Shawangunk Mt., southeastern N. Y. (Editor lives along western end of this Mountain.)

EBBANEWS ED. wishes he had some useful data on the accomplishments of Mr. Chas. Broley, the famous Eagle and Osprey bander. —Been told he has banded over 1100, and at nearly 70 years, is still climbing, still banding. —From Florida to New England; year after year.—Where have his exploits been published?

Editor still wants more communications about favorite trap-baits from veteran banders

How do you vote, fellow member, on the NEWS being a monthly or a bi-monthly? And how much interesting banding material have you mailed in to the Editor during the past six weeks? —WHAT! none at all!!! Send in your vote, anyway.

Gill - of - Huntington, L. I.: "Wood Thrushes and Robins running higher than usual; Grackles, Jays and Catbirds show slump in numbers." In rainless June ex-ed Gill banded 144 birds: "my biggest June since 1924." In July he banded 121; but says that Bowdish got 342! Bowdish, as everyone knows lives at Demarest, N. J.

Be it noted that our President has re-appointed (for the 1949 Fiscal year) the following members as the Publication Committee: Raymond J. Middleton, Chairman, and LeRoy Wilcox and Raymond T. Fuller. Note also that according to our adopted By-Laws our Council consists of nine members and the Officers of EBBA. As a councillor Bro.

Middleton's name should not have appeared on our June July mast-head because the listed members was thus shown as ten. Middleton is a Vice-President and so "ex-officio" (as the feller said) he is a Councillor. —Incidentally (and to settle a bet) this Editor wants to know wheher or not he rates an Officer's stripes. Merely as Editor. (They went and made him a Vice-President at Philadelphia.

Which is our senior Vice-President? You know ,in ease of a sudden vacancy higher up?

SINGING OF FEMALE WRENS

In EBBANEWS for June-July the question was asked as to evidence that female House Wrens ever sang. This was a point which the Editor had been trying to establish positively from his own observations. To date one response has come to hand. Member John Gillespie writes that in 'General Notes' in the publication of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, 'CASSINIA', appears this item:

"For 30 years House Wrens have nested on premises, but not until summer of 1946 were we aware that the female sang. —A rhythmical twittering, up and down the scale, repeated two, sometimes three times, attracted my attention early one morning. Songster was not identified for several days, although it sang early each morning. Eventually the singer was discovered: a Wren busily collecting nest - material, loudly singing meanwhile, making frequent trips to the nest-box; from top of which a male sang in typical fashion. Pair often sang together; songs being totally dissimilar. Female's daily diminished in duration and intensity until incubation com-