

friend, Mr. Beecher Bowdish, interested my son Gustave Dumont in bird banding. Hence, in October, 1932, he received his permit. While waiting for the permit he constructed several traps of approved types. In 1933 my son being away from home a great deal, turned the work of banding over to the writer, so it became a co-operative effort and a little later became known as the Dumont Bird Banding Station.

To date we have banded 14,566 birds of 110 species in New York, New Jersey, and Florida, practically all of the small land type. 1049 individuals have returned to this station, some as many as six times and 102 have been recovered at various points, some dead. We have taken only three birds banded by others.

The past ten years I have had visits to the Station of various scout and school groups and of course grown-ups for close up bird studies, etc. I have, what I consider, a nice collection of birds nests, which I always display as near as possible in their natural surroundings. This is always a great attraction and provokes many questions. I have been fortunate in obtaining two Chimney Swift nests, a Hummingbird's, a Phoebe's, Virginia Rail's, Baltimore and Orchard Oriole's, Blue-winged Warbler's, and a Cuckoo's nest, besides the commoner kinds of nests. I also give lectures occasionally to school groups and Women's Clubs on bird banding and bird life around this area.

Marie Dumont.

#### Last Call

According to EBBA by-laws this is the last issue of the News which can be sent out to members who have not paid their 1950 dues. So if you are among them why not send your dues to our Treasurer Mr. Merrill Wood, 811 N. Allen St., State College, Pa. today. If there are some of you who have not paid yet because you are not satisfied with the News or with EBBA policies why don't you drop a line to the Editor or to President Groskin and express your views? We have no other way of knowing what the members think.

#### Annual Meeting-1951

Don't forget the next Annual Meeting which will be held in Baltimore, Md. on April 1, 1951. It isn't too early to plan to attend or to begin compiling data for that paper which you would like to present. If you are thinking of giving a paper please drop a card to the Secretary.

#### Index to Bird-Banding

The following letter from Mr. Charles B. Floyd should be of interest to EBBA members.

" Again, through the kind cooperation of several volunteers, another Index Volume of "Bird-Banding" is ready to go to press. Unfortunately, the Northeastern Bird Banding Association is not able to carry, unaided, the cost of publication. As was done for the previous indexes, we are taking this means of informing our members

and subscribers of the situation and we urge them to contribute according to their ability, in order to make possible the prompt publication of this useful and necessary Index Volume so that we can send it gratis to the members and subscribers.

Please send your checks at your earliest convenience to the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,  
Charles B. Floyd  
210 South Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

#### Changes in Address:

Mr. Emmett B. Carter from 19 Prospect Terrace, Tenafly, N.J.  
to Bay View Camp, Salisbury Cove, Maine

Mr. C.C. Ludwig from 506 Busch Bldg., Lansing, Mich  
to 279 Durand St., East Lansing, Mich.

Dr. C.B. Worth from 3702 San Juan St., Tampa, Fla.  
to The Rockefeller Foundation, International Health  
Division, 49 W. 49th. St., New York City 20, N.Y.

#### Long Island Banding Stations

Only one additional report has been received- this came from Mr. Gilbert J. Raynor. He writes: "Banding was started in 1937 as soon as I became old enough to obtain a permit and has continued to the present with the exception of the years 1942-1945 when defense work and military service took me elsewhere. After the war my banding was handicapped by having to move several times to different locations; none of them favorable for birds. Now, however, I am settled permanently in my own place which is located in a very favorable area for birds and with the assistance of my wife the work has expanded considerably in the past year. I now operate nine traps of various types and catch the usual run of small birds. I have banded 41 species of birds and two of bats. Also a few colonial birds and young hawks and owls of several species. Few recoveries from any distance have been received but a fair percentage of station returns have been obtained. Further expansion of the work is expected in the near future.

Gilbert J. Raynor,  
Manorville, N.Y.

#### Miscellaneous Notes

Mr. Ross Baker of Toronto, Can. writes: "Re your editorial in the Jan. 1950 News why not carry the idea further, make a collection of items of outstanding points of determining species, sex, and age, and as many will test the points mentioned, it should be possible to very quickly supply data to make publication of it in book form advisable"