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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Your Editor wishes to take this opportunity to wish all members of EBBA a Merry Christmas and a busy banding New Year. He also wishes to take this occasion to thank all of those members who have helped by contributing to our several symposia and by sending in other news items of interest. Incidentally, it's not too late to present your friends with EBBA memberships as Christmas gifts.

ANNUAL MEETING

The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, March 29, 1952, at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Mr. Charles K. Nichols has kindly consented to make arrangements for this meeting. Although our plans are not yet definite there will probably be a dinner in the evening and a field trip on the

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following day. Now is the time to begin work on your paper for this meeting. Please advise Mr. Groskin or the Secretary of the title, presentation time, and whether movies or slides are included, of your paper. Let's all plan to attend.

MORE ON TRAPS

In a recent issue Karl Bartel asked about elevator traps. Seth Low sent in two sheets of advertising describing one such trap in some detail and commenting that they have plenty of copies in the Fish and Wildlife Service office at Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Maryland, to be had for the asking. It looks like a pretty good trap.

Mrs. Robert A. Army of 149 Watchung Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J., has written a very interesting letter which reads as follows:

"I have been much interested in your trap discussions and would like to put in my tuppence. Perhaps our station is typical but it may have something to offer. We have three children of our own and the child traffic here is terrific. We also are plagued with squirrels, cats and dogs. These disturbance factors have to be overcome without violence if peace is to be maintained.

Automatic traps are out of the picture. Everything but birds set them off. Also I can not be sure of making regular rounds and I am anxious to keep injuries to a minimum. This I have done, with only one injury in two years; that was a Jay which caught its bill in 1/4" mesh, but it has returned twice and this was not fatal. Also time is a real factor for me as I can never be sure of five consecutive uninterrupted minutes.

I have a house trap, which I have modified, and an L shaped Fabian type trap, and a Warbler trap which I have also shifted about and a canary cage trap which differs a little from Mr. Gill's. I enclose drawings. (We will try to show them in a future issue.) Of course my banding is on a small scale but I take about ten birds a day on an average, which piles up a fairly representative cross section of the birds in this area and represents also a possible