

MAURICE BROWN HONORED BY MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

On Monday, June 2, Maurice Brown, a bander of long standing and a new Council Member of EBBA and better known to many as the Curator of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, was granted a signal honor by having conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Science at commencement exercises at Muhlenberg College at Allentown, Pa.

Muhlenberg College is to be congratulated for its good judgment in conferring this degree in recognition of the valuable work which Maurice Brown has done in his eighteen years at Hawk Mountain both in furthering the cause of conservation and in awakening many persons to the worthwhile values to be obtained from an interest in birds and other living things. In addition, his sound scholarship is evidenced by two books, "HAWKS ALOFT, THE STORY OF HAWK MOUNTAIN", and "INDEX TO NORTH AMERICAN FERNS", as well as over seventy-five technical and semi-popular articles, and a number of the life history studies in the third volume of Forbush's monumental "BIRDS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES".

In addition to his membership in the EBBA, Dr. Brown is a fellow of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, a charter member of the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association, a full member of the American Ornithologists' Union, and a member of the Wilson Ornithological Club and of the American Fern Society. In March, he was elected an honorary member of the West Chester Bird Club.

Dr. Brown was born in New York City in 1906 and was educated in the schools of Boston, Massachusetts, where he later came under the influence of Dr. John B. May and the late Edward Howe Forbush. Before coming to Hawk Mountain in 1934, he was associated with the Austin Ornithological Research Station at Northeastham on Cape Cod, and in the same year he was married to Irma Penniman of Eastham, who is now his devoted companion at Hawk Mountain, where she has become known to thousands of visitors as the gracious hostess and keeper of the gate.

The EBBA can certainly be properly proud of the attainments of one of its members and rejoice with him in this high honor! --AEC