

vicinity of the nest since the spout was dismantled and are taking a great personal interest in the young birds' welfare. Each afternoon I have received a report of their progress and today (June 16) I was told that although the scrap metal is to be removed tomorrow the iron ball will not be disturbed until the young have flown.

"I think that you will agree that an experience such as this adds zest to the banding program."

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CONCERNING CONTENT OF THE NEWS

Mrs. William Gary Irving, Van Houten Fields, West Nyack, N.Y., in a very provocative letter has suggested the following topics as ones which might profitably be discussed in EBBA NEWS. Your comments or contributions relating to these would be very helpful.

- 1) What would be considered a good string of traps for different types of habitat?
- 2) What kinds of baits are especially good for certain species?
- 3) Lists of books, together with price, publisher, etc., and comments about, of topics of value to banders.
- 4) How to keep records efficiently for personal use.
- 5) List of special projects being worked on by various banders who would like data from others working on same project.
- 6) How best to remove bands from smaller birds.

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BRIEFS

The NEWS is sorry to chronicle the death of EBBA member, Miss Anne Bathurst Dobbin, of Baltimore, Maryland, on April 22, 1952.

A new member whom we are happy to welcome into EBBA is

Mr. J. George Hitchner, 58 Konton Avenue, Pitman, New Jersey.

Dr. C. Brooke Worth's address is now as follows:
3, St. Marks Road, Bangalore, Mysore, India

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From Bruce Adams, a 15-year old member of EBBA, of 9 Sunset Rd., Darien, Conn., comes the following observation:

"I thought you might be interested in an observation I made recently of a Robin's nest which contained 3 Robin eggs and one Cowbird egg. I first discovered the nest June 20. The Cowbird egg hatched before the Robins, and the baby Cowbird kicked one of the baby Robins out of the nest. But it was interesting to note that after that, the Cowbird did not completely take over and monopolize the nest the way it is in cases of smaller birds such as warblers. The parent birds have fed their own babies just as much as the Cowbird; at times they would completely ignore his cries and feed their own babies. After about a week and a half they left the nest, and for a short time afterwards, I could see them fluttering around after the parents; again, all three birds got equal shares of food."

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Mrs. H. G. McEntee writes: "Here's a hint on trapping bait for this time of year--cooked oatmeal with raisins. Blue Jays, Catbirds, Robins, Tanagers, etc., are keen about it for feeding their young. Let them get used to it on the feeding shelf for a couple of days, then put some in a container into the traps. I usually save the tops of ice cream cartons for this purpose because they are a good size for small traps and their light color helps to attract the birds. Also, when they get messy, they can be thrown away."--490 Fairfield Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

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