

The following accounts of the annual meeting were kindly contributed by Mrs. Albert E. Conway and Mrs. Howard G. McEntee. It is hoped that those who were not present at the meeting will get from them some small idea of the pleasure and education which those in attendance received from these meetings.

THE SESSIONS OF SATURDAY, MARCH 21

by June R. Conway

The two day annual meeting of E.B.B.A. began with a meeting of the Council. The outcome of this meeting was a decision to meet at Baltimore, Maryland, on April 3, 1954. Knowing the banders of that area, as well as the proved abilities of our President, I predict a "bang-up job" of preparation for the event, and, unless you attended this year, you won't know what you will be missing unless you reserve the time and attend next year!

At the same meeting, it was also decided to reappoint Albert E. Conway as Editor of E.B.B.A. News for an additional term.

Merrill Wood's paper, "Gape Worms in Robins", was the first to be heard in the open meeting. It proved not only scientifically informative but also of general interest. Considerable informal discussion of the subject took place at the several banding stations visited on Sunday.

Frank Frazier brought before the meeting a fine, illustrated discussion of Hermit Thrush Trapping. Look for it to be published one of these days, perhaps in Bird Banding.

Mrs. John Y. Dater, of Ramsey, N.J., illustrated her talk on "Purple Finch Returns and Recoveries"; here is a remarkable banding program for a suburban yard. (We hope to present some of these results in a future issue of EBBA NEWS.--Ed.)

, During Seth Low's interesting account of "Five Years of Banding at Stoncy Broke Farm", his remarks were punctuated by the sudden collapse of a row of ancient chairs, along with a number of attentive listeners. After the merriment subsided, Mr. Low opened the meeting to questions.

The morning session ended with "Comments" by the Editor of EBBA NEWS.

The afternoon opened with a paper read by Horace Groskin, a past president of the Association, entitled "Banding 400 Cardinals, Remarks, and Behavior". A visit to Mr. Groskin's station the following day provided ample evidence, as if it were needed, of the fine work which he is doing.

Motion pictures by Maurice Broun, of Hawk Mountain fame, and his engaging narrative frequently interspersed with bits of scientific observation brought Hawk Mountain with its beauty, disappointments, labor, and triumphs, to members of the E.V.B.A., many of whom are also members of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association.

The election of officers and council members, as listed above, was followed by a panel discussion of banding problems, and the discussants were Seth H. Low, Chandler H. Robins, Joseph M. Cadbury, and Raymond J. Middleton.

The highlight of the dinner Saturday evening was not the excellent food but the motion picture film entitled "Adventures with Nestling Birds" by Esther Heacock. Her remarkable film captured the birds as they flashed in and out of the nest area in their tireless round of feeding and caring for their young.

Our thanks go to our President, Raymond J. Middleton, and to the local committee on arrangements who planned and produced this very fine meeting. Members of the local committee included William Popper, Chairman, and Joseph Cadbury, John Gillespie, and John Dornan. Herman F. Kuch, Jr., was in charge of hotel reservations, while Mrs. Kuch was in charge of the registration table; Mrs. Kuch also assisted Mrs. Raymond J. Middleton in the preparation of lunch for about forty members on Sunday during the tour of banding stations.

Concerning the meeting, Merrill Wood said in a letter to the Editor, "I think the EBBA meeting was one of the nicest we ever had", while Frank Frazier wrote, "It was a good meeting, I thought. I came away full of ideas on traps to make and projects to explore. And I had a most interesting time talking to all and sundry".