

In accordance with action of the Council, the Editor has elected to combine the issues for May and June, July and August, and September and October. A decrease in the number of issues will, to a large degree, be offset by using an extra sheet in each of these issues, giving a total of 30 rather than 36 pages of material. The latter two issues referred to above should appear in close succession, after which we hope to return to a current basis.

#### AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

For the past month or so, Council Member Eleanor Dator (Mrs. John Y. Dator) of Ramsey, New Jersey, has been extending invitations to banders in the northern New Jersey and southern New York area to attend a get-together at her home for the purpose of discussing problems of local interest, etc., on Saturday, October 17.

However, about a week ago, Mrs. Dator called the Editor to say that, due to the critical illness of her son with polio and pneumonia, she would have to cancel plans for the affair. Although it will not affect the cancellation of the meeting, it is good to report that a phone call to Eleanor Dator last night (October 4) provided the encouraging information that her son is now improving, and I know that all members of E.B.B.A. will join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

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#### PENNSYLVANIA BIRD BANDERS -- WANTED!

In a letter to the Editor, Dr. Paul H. Fluck, of Lambertville, New Jersey, active bander, author, and human dynamo, makes the following offer which should sound good to licensed Pennsylvania banders.

"The banding station at Washington Crossing Park, Pennsylvania, is now open to licensed Pennsylvania banders who are welcome to come there and band any time they please.

"All bands are tagged by species and are hung on a large board. The record book is self-explanatory. Reports are listed on filing cards. All you need to bring is your lunch and some baits for the

traps. There is an indoor bathroom with hot and cold running water and ample room in the Hoagland house for shelter in bad weather. All that you have to do is set the traps and bait up.

"The Washington Crossing Park Bird Banding Station is a new experiment in bird banding. The public is invited to watch birds being banded. Naturally, we don't let folks flock around the traps, but we do bring the birds back in collecting cages to show the visitors. We pass the bands around, then band the birds, and away they fly. In the past twelve months more than 3,000 Boy Scouts, nature groups, bird watchers, and school children have visited the station. Next year we hope to pack in 5,000 to 10,000 visitors.

"Right now, the station is being operated only on Saturdays and Sundays -- but with the help of more banders we should be able to keep things going three to four days a week. Last year we banded 1190 birds of 42 species. Our big day -- May 2nd -- brought over 200 birds, including 79 new birds that were banded. Almost any day in October and November we should take at least 50 new birds. There are more than thirty traps -- all set up and ready to go.

"If you want to try your luck at the Washington Crossing station, just call Dr. Fluck (Lambertville, N.J., 109) or Mr. Norman Fisher, Nature Director, Washington Crossing Park (Newtown, Pa., 3786), or write directly to Dr. Fluck, or stop in to see us some weekend so that there will be someone on hand to show you around the traps.

"The fall migration will be heavy, and we need your help. Let us know when we can look for you."

Editor's note: Banders from outside of Pennsylvania are welcome, too, provided they are licensed to operate in that state. To get such authorization, it is necessary (1) to send your permit to the Bird-banding Office at Patuxent together with the request to have Pennsylvania added to it, after which the permit will be returned to you, and (2) to write to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Harrisburg, Pa., requesting that you be granted a Pennsylvania permit, giving them your Federal permit number. There is no charge involved.