

band. He did observe that the second part of the number read "-60945", but he did not get the series prefix. In as much as this is not a species banded in large numbers, it may be possible that some reader of EBBA NEWS will be able to identify, at least unofficially, the bird as his.

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MORE CONCERNING PUBLICITY

In the last issue of EBBA NEWS, mention was made of the value to the banding program of appropriate publicity on the part of banders in their local newspapers. The following letter from Mr. Gordon L. Hight, Jr., P. O. Box 1626, Rome, Georgia, is in reference to the same topic:

"With reference to Mr. Frank Frazier's article, appearing in the May-June issue of EBBA NEWS, I would like to pass along the following:

"I believe that many banders are overlooking the publicity possibilities of Chimney Swift banding. Banding swifts in large numbers is a very spectacular operation and one that will interest the public in general. Most newspapers will be glad to cover the banding and run a news story illustrated with pictures. If the story is handled right, it can inform the public of the importance of banding and enlist their aid in reporting recoveries. It can also tell what valuable allies birds are to the human race and the part they play in insect control. A follow-up story can be run on foreign retraps when the information is back from Laurel, showing a map with points of bandings noted.

"I have had very excellent success with the above in the Rome area, and the public has become most interested in my banding, with the result that people are anxious to report recoveries, etc., to me.

"In addition to the above, we need more swift banders to give a more complete coverage. I hope that many EBBA members will try their hand at swift banding next spring and fall. I have banded about 20,000 swifts in the last two years, and will be happy to pass along any help that I can to banders who are interested."

Mr. Hight included with his letter a number of clippings from the "Rome News-Tribune" which tell the local citizens of his banding work which he is doing, and mention is also made of the general value of Chimney Swifts to the human race. Of a number of birds recovered in 1952, which had been banded by other banders, individuals were taken at Rome, Georgia, which had been banded at Blind River, Ontario, Kingston, Ontario, Amherst, Mass., Ithaca, New York, Illinois, Memphis, Tenn., Chattanooga, Tenn., and Birmingham, Alabama. In addition, one bird, 38-87838, was banded May 19, 1940, at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, by Mr. R. W. Smith, and was recovered in the Rome Junior High School building, in September 1952, an elapsed period of 12 years and 4 months, but the bird must have been at least 13 years old, since it was obviously an adult at the time of banding, and this, according to Seth H. Low, constitutes a longevity record for this species, the previous longevity record for which is twelve years.

Additional evidence of favorable local publicity comes from Mr. Beecher S. Bowdish, of Demarest, New Jersey, whose work, and that of banding in general, was the subject of two full pages of text and pictures in the Newark (New Jersey) Sunday News. Not only does the article tell very accurately the history and purpose of bird banding, but it also very interestingly gives accounts of various activities of Mr. Bowdish.

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OBITUARY

Word has been received of the death of Elaine Martin Drew (Mrs. Howard A. Drew) of Barre, Vermont, an EBBA member, on December 22, 1952. Although confined to her bed for the eighteen months preceding her death, she had identified by sight or sound 55 species of birds and