

ADVANCE PROGRAM FOR THE BALTIMORE MEETING

The program for the meeting, according to President Middleton, should be of considerable interest to members and guests alike. Furthermore, the chances afforded for informal discussion at times other than during the formal sessions makes attendance at one of these annual meetings a worthwhile and unforgettable experience. The following list of topics, and the names of the persons who will present them, probably does not include all of the papers that will be heard at the meeting. The exact titles of the papers is not given:

Merrill Wood, Associate Professor of Zoology, The Pennsylvania State University, and EBBA Treasurer, will show pictures of traps.

Dr. Paul H. Fluck, practicing physician, author of numerous articles in nationally read magazines, and active bander, will present an illustrated talk on his work at the Washington Crossing State Park.

EBBA Treasurer Frank Frazier will present a paper on returns at his summer place in Maine as well as at his home in Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

Horace Groskin, former EBBA President, will present a paper dealing with the distance of recoveries from the home station.

Dr. David E. Davis, Associate Professor in the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University, will present a paper dealing with roosting studies of Starlings.

Mr. Cyrus T. Wolfling, of Alden, New York, who will be unable to attend, has sent a paper telling of a Bluebird nesting project and banding operations; this will be read.

Chandler S. Robbins, Biologist, Patuxent Research Refuge, and Editor of AUDUBON FIELD NOTES, will present an illustrated paper on the cooperative study of spring migration.

Seth H. Low will present a paper, the title of which is not, at the moment, available. Obviously, Mr. Low needs no introduction to EBBA members.

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PLANS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

The following information concerning the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Bird-Banding Association to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, is taken from a release by Orville Crowder, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, dated March 8, 1954, and received by your Editor March 11. This, the January-February issue of EBBA NEWS having been held until sufficient definite information was available, will go to the printer in Wilmington, Delaware, tomorrow, and it should reach members by the 25th.

Even tentative material concerning arrangements was not available to the Editor by February 20, the date the November-December issue went to press, so the Editor and President Raymond Middleton agreed last week that a brief postal announcement should go forth, and we hope that this will have enabled many of you to make definite plans to attend.

The other members of the Committee on Arrangements, in addition to the Chairman, are Richard D. Cole, Irving E. Hampe, Dr. David E. Davis, Chandler S. Robbins, and Seth H. Low.

Schedule of Events

The following schedule of events is very similar to that on the postal which recently was sent to all EBBA members, although it presents additional information on some points.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Meeting of the Council, Room C, Pratt Library
 10:30 a.m. First General Session, Auditorium, Pratt Library
 12:30 p.m. Recess
 12:45 p.m. Luncheon, St. Charles Restaurant,
 328 N. Charles Street
 2:00 p.m. Second General Session, Library Auditorium
 5:00 p.m. Recess
 6:00 p.m. Annual Dinner, First Unitarian Parish House,
 Charles and Hamilton Streets
 7:00 p.m. After-dinner program, same location

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Schedule of Events, continued

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Meet at Hotel Stafford, Charles and Madison Sts.,
for trip to Seth Low's farm at Unity, Md.
12:00 m. Picnic lunch at Low's.
1:00 p.m. Optional trip to Patuxent Research Refuge

Meeting Room Equipment

Mr. Crowder says that the Pratt Library auditorium seats 250 persons, may be darkened for the projection of pictures, and is equipped with a 10-foot glass beaded screen. Equipment will be provided by the committee for the projection of (1) 16mm motion pictures, (2) 2 x 2 slides, (3) standard, old-style stereopticon slides, (4) opaque pictures or notes. If equipment for the reproduction of sound (tape or records) is desired, please advise Orville Crowder, Chase, Maryland, in advance.

Lunch

Arrangements have been made with the St. Charles Restaurant, 328 North Charles Street, to have luncheon served promptly at 12:45. There will be three choices of menus costing \$1.25 per person. EBBA hostesses should be advised of each person's choice by mid-morning so that food can be ready at the appointed time.

Dinner Arrangements

The ladies of the First Unitarian Church, under the direction of Mrs. Bilger, will serve a Maryland Roast Turkey dinner at the Parish House, Charles and Hamilton Streets, one block from the library, at six p.m. The cost will be \$2.00 per plate, no extras. Plans for the dinner will be subject to attendance of at least 100 persons. Since it will be necessary for Mr. Crowder to make final arrangements for the dinner two or three days in advance, the Editor would suggest that members planning to be there drop him a postal stating how many reservations they will need for themselves, their families, and their guests. Address: Orville Crowder, Chase, Maryland.

In the event that this dinner has to be cancelled, we will have

dinner instead at the St. Charles Restaurant where, for the same price, there will be a choice of three entrees.

Dinner Program

This is still unsettled, but it is hoped that a prominent ornithologist will be prevailed upon to give an illustrated talk on his recent work.

Hotel Accomodations

The Hotel Stafford, Charles Street at Madison, adjacent to the Washington Monument, has been chosen primarily for its convenience to the dinner location and to the meeting place. Another hotel, chosen three years ago for its economy, proved unsatisfactory. At the Hotel Stafford, rooms with bath start at \$5 single and \$7 double, and a sufficient number of rooms is available at minimum rates.

Rooms are available, at approximately the same rates, at The Lord Baltimore Hotel, for those who prefer a larger hotel with a downtown location.

For reservations, write: Orville Crowder, Chase, Maryland

Registration

Miss Florence H. Burner has agreed to take charge of the registration of members and guests, and it is hoped that four additional women will volunteer to assist her in this work.

Pursuant to a change in the by-laws of EBBA, a registration fee of fifty cents should be charged each person in attendance, although there is some question as to whether this may be suspended in the current instance. The purpose of the fee is to defray local costs of the meeting, but the Maryland Ornithological Society, the host club, has expressed willingness to assume such costs. This is probably a matter that will be decided by the responsible parties before the day of the meeting.

In order to facilitate members in getting acquainted with one another, identification tags will be provided. Please wear them.

Exhibits

At the moment, there have been no plans for traps or other exhibits in the meeting room on Saturday, but the committee would be glad to have such exhibits. The Editor would suggest that members bring with them any traps or other devices which they have found to be especially useful, particularly if they are of original design.

Sunday Field Trips

In view of the number of members who went to the Patuxent Research Refuge three years ago, the committee felt that more benefit would be gained by going instead to Seth Low's banding station on his farm at Unity, Maryland, about 35 miles from Baltimore, and 25 miles from Patuxent Refuge. He will have various traps and nets in operation. The committee suggests that picnic lunch be eaten at Low's, each persons bringing his own; coffee will be served. Announcement will be made at one of the general sessions on Saturday as to how lunches can be procured.

After lunch, those who wish to, may continue on to Patuxent Refuge, where Mrs. Webster and others will have the Banding Office open for inspection. * * * *

WHAT A BEGINNING!

In the latter part of January, Treasurer Merrill Wood forwarded to the Editor a letter from Reverend Garrett S. Detwiler, 323 Fenwick Avenue, Salem, New Jersey, who had just joined EBBA, and the statement in the letter in that just five weeks as a new bander he had banded over 900 birds seemed almost as if it had to be in error. Inquiry directed to Mr. Detwiler produced the following interesting narrative:

"My experiences as a bird-bander, under Permit #7302, have occurred during a very brief period, for I set my first trap on 23 December 1953. It should also be added, for the encouragement of others living in a small city, that I have one of the worst possible areas for banding as my backyard is by fifty by fifty feet, and on this a one-car garage is also located. I have no shrubbery, and only one nondescript maple graces the area that passes for lawn. In addition,