

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

This, the September-October 1954 issue is going forth on January 30, 1955, with the November-December issue to follow within a few days. It is hoped that the January-February 1955 issue will appear before the end of February. To a large degree, the delay has been occasioned by the Editor's being occupied with the work of his new position which requires that he be out of town quite a bit and which also interferes with his evening activities. He regrets the late appearance of recent issues.

Another trap is featured in this issue, but good India ink line drawings of other traps are urgently needed. If anyone has talents along this line, please help out.

We repeat our plea for good contrast glossy black and white prints of traps and other topics of interest to EBBA NEWS readers. Also, if members have received newspaper publicity of banding, we can reproduce clippings of such publicity now that the entire issue is reproduced photographically.

* * *

MORE IN DEFENSE OF THE STARLING

The January-February issue of EBBA NEWS (Pp. 8-10) carried a letter from the Reverend Garret S. Detwiler, of Salem, New Jersey, telling of his experiences as a new bander, in which he mentioned his having banded nearly a thousand Starlings.

In the March-April issue (P. 11), there was a note from Mrs. Mary W. Lair, of Landenberg, Pennsylvania, in which she deplored the fact that Mr. Detwiler had, in her opinion, missed an opportunity to destroy members of a species which she considers pests. In the May-June issue (Pp. 2-5), Mr. Detwiler ably presented a defense of the Starling which has inspired several communications to the Editor.

Under date of September 28, 1954, Dr. John W. Aldrich, Chief, Section of Distribution of Birds and Mammals, United States Department of the Interior, wrote the Editor as follows: