

## ANNUAL MEETING BULLETIN

President Frank Frazier has appointed Howard Drinkwater of Old Road, White House, New Jersey, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for 1955 Annual Meeting at Hawk Mountain on April 16 and 17.

The Editor was most agreeably surprised to receive a phone call from Mr. Drinkwater telling, at this early date, of the preliminary plans for the meeting. The sessions will follow the usual order, with a meeting of Council and officers at 9:30 a.m., followed by the first presentation of papers at 10:30; after an intermission for lunch, the second paper session will be held at 2:00 p.m. Members who wish to give papers are reminded to refer to Mr. Frazier's announcement concerning papers in the September-October EBBA NEWS.

A banquet will be held Saturday evening, before which members will have an opportunity to inspect the Sanctuary grounds. Sunday, a field trip to Lake Ontelaunee will be lead by Dr. Earl L. Poole, Director of the Reading Public Museum and Art Gallery.

In the next issue, detailed information as to how to get to Hawk Mountain by various forms of transportation as well as available accommodations will be forthcoming. Plan now to attend and make this an outstanding meeting!

## SEVERAL RECOVERIES

Marie Dumont (Mrs. G. A. Dumont, Sr.), 311 Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock, New Jersey, writes the following:

"Thought it might be of interest to my fellow banders that a Blue Jay banded at the Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Maryland, on January 19, 1951, was found dead at 28 Woodland Court, Pompton Plains, New Jersey, on July 3, 1954. As our station is on the border-line of Pequannock and Pompton Plains, the place of recovery is some two miles north of here. It has always been my belief that Blue Jays do migrate.

"I also had the good fortune of trapping an adult female Purple Grackle (503-53447) which was banded by Mrs. Ernest Wanek, of Ramsey, New Jersey, about a month previous to my taking it on September 12,

1954. It repeated again on October 5th, but I haven't seen any grackles around this month (November).

"A young Cowbird that I hand-reared during June, 1952, was killed in Grantsville, North Carolina, January 6, 1954.

"To date, while there are a goodly number of Slate-colored Juncos in this area, no Tree Sparrows have come to my attention. They were very plentiful ten years ago but gradually have disappeared."

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## CATS MAY BE OF SOME VALUE

Dr. C. Brook Worth, 516 Walnut Lane Swarthmore, Penna., contributes the following concerning the possible usefulness of the much maligned cat:

"Who says cats are not an asset at a banding station? Formerly, I would have listed my equipment as so many traps, but now I must add our cat to the standard equipment. As long as I have been banding (since 1927), I have never trapped any other bander's bird. But this morning, December 12, 1954, I found my cat on the front doormat, happily munching on the remains of a White-throated Sparrow that had a foreign band on its leg. Had it not been for the cat, I would probably not trapped the bird, for my station is very small and operated only on weekends.

"The band, incidentally, was 52-117473. The cat, incidentally, is named Licorice and lives here because I happen to be married to, and am the father of, cat-lovers all the way down the line."

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