

**SUNDAY FIELD TRIP** Twelve carloads of banders met in the morning at the Academy of Natural Sciences. All had been provided with a 2,000-word set of directions -- complete with news of the places, people and traps to be seen during the day -- by George Hitchner. Bill Pepper led the cavalcade to the southern New Jersey banding stations of William R. Middleton in Wenonah, J. George Hitchner in Pitman, Bennett K. Matlack at Bridgeton (where Mr. & Mrs. Matlack served a delicious light (!) lunch) and the Rev. Garrett S. Detweiler in Salem.

**RANDOM NOTES ON THE MEETING** Eve Townsend, in her talk on the problems of the new bander, suggested that a section of EBBA NEWS be given to advancing helpful suggestions to the new bander. So send your ideas, problems and suggestions to EBBA NEWS - we shall try to publish the best advice we know and can find \*\*\* Allen Duvall asked again that every bander band one to five Mourning Dove nestlings a year. . .he said that some 275,000 game birds and probably more than 300,000 other birds were banded during 1956. . .he urged banders to be sure they were correct when they put down the age or sex of birds (some banders sex chickadees in February - how?) \*\*\* Joe Cadbury has banded more than 12,000 Cormorants and gets recovery reports on about 10% of them \*\*\* For syphon water drips use Tygon tubing with a chemist's rubber tubing clamp, procurable at a chemist's supply store \*\*\* The meeting arrangements were perfect and all went off smoothly thanks to the fine work of the committee composed of Mr. & Mrs. Herman F. Kuch, Jr., Louis H. Reichel, Joseph M. Cadubry, Raymond J. Middleton, J. George Hitchner and William Pepper, chairman.

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1956-1957

Receipts

Balance from 1955-56. . . . .	\$681.26
Membership dues (including 39 sustaining members and 11 prepaid 1958 dues). . . . .	763.00
Advertising in EBBA NEWS. . . . .	15.00
Registration at Annual Meeting (1956) . . . . .	26.50
Contributions. . . . .	22.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$1507.76</u>

Disbursements

Printing, addressing, and mailing EBBA NEWS (7 issues). . .	\$728.70
Annual Meeting Expenses (1956). . . . .	49.00
Printing and postage other than EBBA NEWS. . . . .	44.80
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$822.50</u>

Balance Sheet

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Balance on April 1, 1957. . . . .	<u>\$685.26</u>

Membership

Number of members gained during the year. . . . .	43
Number of members lost during the year. . . . .	20
Number of members in EBBA on April 1, 1957. . . . .	302

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