

## NEWS

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BRIEF

During Operation Recovery (Island Beach, N.J. Station) Bennet Matlack's supply of bands ran low one day. He put in a phone call to the Banding Office at 3:40 P.M. -- the bands arrived in the next day's mail! ★ ★ ★ The Northeast Wildlife Conference will be held Jan. 4-7, 1958 in Montreal -- first time for Canada. ★ ★ ★ Mrs. Mabel Warburton of Morrisville, Pa., banded a Fox Sparrow on March 31, 1957 -- two weeks later it was re-trapped on the Iles St. Pierre et Miquelon, French Islands lying off the coast of Newfoundland. ★ ★ ★ 1100 miles in 14 days, an average of some 65 miles a day. . .reminds your editor of a Junco he banded in the Spring of 1953 that was killed by a cat 28 days later in Northern Minnesota a couple of miles from the Canadian border ★ ★ ★ We forgot to mention in the previous issue that the cover picture was from a photograph by Norman Fisher of an American Egret banded at Washington Crossing Park ★ ★ ★ EBBA members who do not subscribe to BIRD-BANDING missed a splendid article by Seth H. Low in the July, 1957 issue - "Banding with Mist Nets" ★ ★ ★ The book, BIRD RINGING, the Art of Bird Study by Individual Marking, by R.M. Lockley and Rosemary Russell, may now be purchased from John de Graff, Inc., 31 East 10th St., New York 3, N.Y. Price \$2.50. This is a most useful book and should be owned by every bander ★ ★ ★ Ralph Bell of Clarksville, Pa., (his article on crow banding will appear in the next issue of EBBA NEWS) writes that he had a good summer with Barn Swallows "close to 600 banded -- all here on the farm" ★ ★ ★ Paul Fluck was given an ailing Turkey Vulture recently. He writes "The buzzard slept like a human being -- head and feet outstretched. Never having watched a sleeping buzzard before I always suspected that they slept with head under wing like other birds. What we don't know about birds! This old fellow lay flat on his belly every night. ★ ★ ★ Osage orange makes fine bait for Siskins, Goldfinches, Pheasants, writes Dr. Fluck ★ ★ ★ "If starlings bills are bluish they are male; if pinkish, female," was a saying of Dr. Lawrence E. Hicks, of Columbus, Ohio, who banded thousands. Dr. Hicks, former Vice President of Inland Bird Banding Association, died early this year ★ ★ ★ Maurice Broun, Curator of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Kempton, Pa., writes that he banded 614 Juncos in 1956, plus 20 returns; "and at least 120 banded Juncos wintered with us (or were present at the turn of the year, 1957, and of this number 15% were present during previous winters.)" ★ ★ ★ Beecher Bowdish, dean of EBBA members, writes "Have you noted 'We Run a Hospital for Birds' by Arlene Thomas in the Saturday Evening Post of August 10? . . . of definite interest to banders. . . also the pamphlet of the National Audubon Society which Mrs. Thomas refers to (on the care and feeding of injured or orphan wild birds.)" ★ ★ ★ L. Barrie Hunt (see his article on another page of this issue) would appreciate hearing from any banders who have information or who have made studies of ectoparasites, especially bird lice, on trapped birds. ★ ★ ★

COMMENTS, PLEASE,

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Three or four EBBA members have sent in comments on John Dennis' provocative article which appeared in the previous issue - "The Role of Light Intensities in Bird Migration" - and these will be set forth in our next. But we'd like to print more of EBBA members' thought on John Dennis' discussion. So we are counting on both veterans and future veteran banders for their comments. Do it today! ★ ★ ★