

EBBA ANNUAL MEETING
 Ramsey, New Jersey, April 12 & 13, 1958

The meeting will be held on the second floor of the Ramsey Municipal Building on North Central Avenue, one block north of Main Street. Parking in the rear of the building and in the adjacent school yard.

If you come by car Ramsey is 30 minutes from George Washington Bridge on Route 17. It is approximately 5 miles from the New York Thruway and 12 minutes from the New Jersey Garden State Parkway. U.S. Route 202 is three miles west of the center of town.

By Bus ... take the Short Line bus from the Port Authority Bus Terminal, 11st St. and 8th Ave, New York City. Get off bus at Secors Sunoco Gas Station and call a taxi.

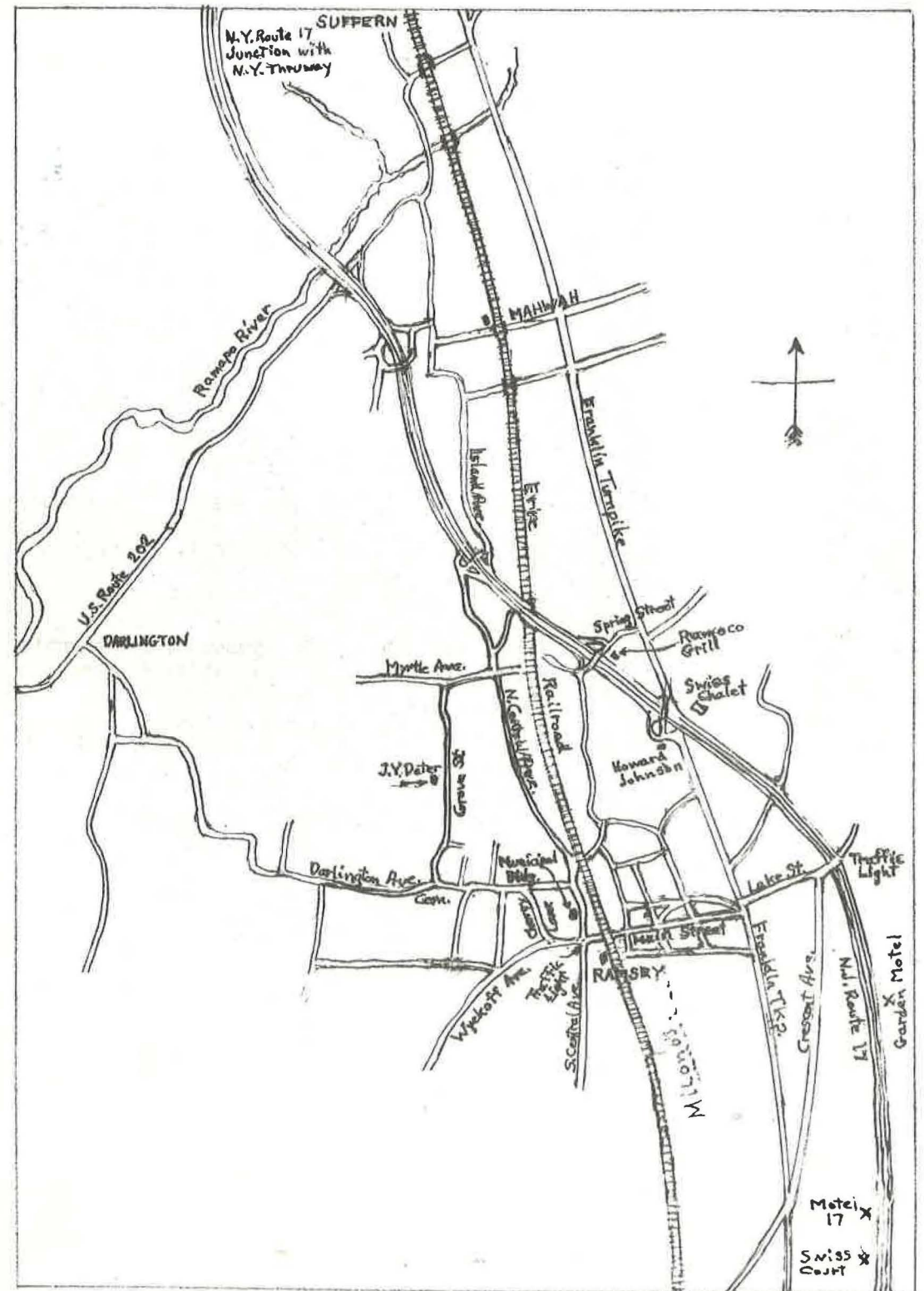
By train ... Erie R.R. trains run to Ramsey from Hoboken (reachable by tube and ferry from New York). Get off at Ramsey, two short blocks from the Municipal Building. (Write Mrs. Dater if you wish a time-table.)

Motels ... There are many motels on Route 17. We recommend any of the following (but suggest that as many as possible go to Swiss Court.) (Make reservations at least a week in advance with payment of one night's lodging.) Swiss Court and Motel 17 are both AAA. The rates: single \$6 or \$7; double \$7 to \$10; twin \$10 and up. These units are attached. Both of these motels have 27 units. The Garden Motel is farther back from the highway; has eight detached units. Rates \$6 & \$7 for single; \$7 and \$10 for double; \$11 for twin.

The Banquet ... Our Annual Banquet will be held Saturday night at the Swiss Chalet at 6:45 P.M. Tickets are \$3.25, payable in advance. Send your reservation (and check) to Mrs. Dater.

The Field Trip ... The use of nets will be featured. We shall first visit Mrs. Dater's station from 8:30 to 10 A.M. From there we shall go to Mrs. Frank Townsend's station in Pompton Plains for more mist net work and luncheon. (Cost of luncheon is 75¢.) Please send luncheon reservation, and check, to Mrs. Dater in advance. In the afternoon we shall visit Mrs. Marie Dumont's station in Pequannock and Frank P. Frazier's in Upper Montclair. (To those interested, Guy G. Nearing, international authority on hybrid rhododendrons, who lives back of Mrs. Dater, will show his methods of propagation.)

Arrangements Committee ... Chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Dater
 259 Grove St., Ramsey, New Jersey
 Mrs. Marie Dumont, Mrs. Eva Townsend, Mrs. H. G. McEntee, Mrs. H. Walcott (chairman of hospitality for the host club, the Fyke Nature, Association), Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Frazier.



HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

The morning session will begin on Saturday, April 12, at 9:30 A.M. in the Ramsey Municipal Building. A number of interesting papers, some with illustrated slides, will be presented, according to EBBA Vice President Joseph M. Cadbury, who is arranging this part of the program.

The business meeting and election of officers will also be held on Saturday -- a detailed timetable will be available when EBBA members register. Among the topics to be discussed are:

- "Operation Recovery" - Stanley S. Dickerson, Spotswood, N.J.
- "Birds, Bats and Viruses" - Dr. C. Brooke Worth, Swarthmore, Pa.
- "Banding Birds of Prey" - Benjamin P. Burt, Syracuse, N.Y.
- "The Post Juvenal Molt of the Male Cowbird" - James Baird, Newport, Rhode Island.
- "It May Be Later than You Think" - William Pepper, Phila., Pa.
- "The Future of EBBA NEWS" and "A Portable Banding Station" - Frank P. Frazier, Upper Montclair, N.J.
- "Banding Catbirds at Norristown" - Raymond J. Middleton, Norristown, Pa.
- "Banding at Bridgeton" - Bennett K. Matlack, Bridgeton, N.J.
- "New Experiences in the Banding of Crows" - Ralph K. Bell, Clarksville, Pa.

There will be time for those present to ask questions of the speakers.

THE FRONT COVER

A close look at the feather on the front cover will show "growth bars". It is a tail feather.

These bars are not pigmented, but the shadowy markings are best seen by transillumination with a light that is not too bright, according to Dr. Paul Fluck, who submitted this picture by Norman Fisher.

The bars can often be seen without special lighting. Each bar is said to mark a day's growth of the feather.

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