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BRIEF

At the Annual Dinner of the WOS a female trio entertained the gathering with a number called "The Woodpecker's Nightmare: or, I Dreamed I Dwelt in Marble Halls". Wife EVA would not insert this in her article on the meeting, reports FRANK TOWNSEND. ★★★ Mrs. LILLIAN CARDINALI writes that

a Mourning Dove banded by her in Jamestown, N.J., on May 29, 1957, was recovered (killed) on December 20, 1957, near Stuttgart, Arkansas. ~~\*\*\*~~ Total number of birds banded in America since the program began passed the 10,000,000 mark in 1957 ★★★ At the suggestion of Mrs. LAWRENCE B. ROMAINE, names in this section are being capitalized. ★★★ One of the brightest of many bright ideas carried out by ELEANOR DATER and her Arrangements Committee for the Annual Meeting was to print and distribute to those registering a copy of the first issue of EBBA NEWS (then called the Bulletin) dated October, 1924. In it appears BEEGHER BOWDISH's happy phrase "Let us band together". In it also appear pieces by RAYMOND MIDBLETON and the late JOHN GILLESPIE, and a list of members. ★★★ The first and only banding station in Guatemala (started by Mrs. RICHARD O. SHAW, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio) is using traps manufactured by GEOFFREY GILL. Another bander is taking his traps to Brazil and some are in operation in Puerto Rico ★★★ "A Goldfinch banded by me as an adult male on April 3, 1950," writes ELINOR McENTEE of Ridgewood, N.J., "Was retrapped by Mrs. IRVING in West Nyack, N.Y., on May 11, 1950, and not heard from again until I retrapped it on March 4, 1958. This bird must be at least 9 years old. Has anybody a better longevity record for a Goldfinch?" Well, has anybody? ★★★ GEOFFREY GILL suggests banders look around the base of any high television or transmitter tower following any foggy night during migration. Mrs. AMELIA R. LASKEY of Nashville, Tenn., has been inspecting hundreds of bird victims killed by these obstructions in her home state, he says. ★★★ BENNETT MATLACK has the topper of all strange recoveries: on January 17, 1954, he banded a Blue Jay. On November 13, 1957, at Thorofare, N.J., O. H. Miller killed a fox. In the fox's stomach a leg bone and foot of the Blue Jay still carried the band, 503-84901. ★★★

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