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BRIEF

Raymond Middleton of Norristown, Pa., while president of EBBA, banded a Song Sparrow and a Slate-colored Junco before a TV camera on the University of the Air Program sponsored by Muhlenberg College, January 23, 1953. This antedates Dr. Paul Fluck's banding of a bird on TV, noted in the Sept-Oct issue of EBBA NEWS *** Elizabeth F. Romaine of Middleboro Mass., wrote your Editor a letter containing valuable suggestions for improvements. It is hoped that other members will follow suit. (And we hope that Mrs. R. notes that her suggestions were carried out in this issue!) *** Geoffrey Gill suggests that banders be sure to make a last safety round of all traps after dusk. . . "keep any late catches overnight in gathering cages and release early next morning. A dark cloth will keep the birds calmer and prevent them from arousing the household at dawn if placed over the cages." *** Edward M. Noll, of Oley, Pa., writes that his banding time has been scarce because of work etc. He has been able, however, to give more bird and conservation talks and work with young people evenings. He also contributes a weekly column, Natural Ramblings, to the local paper *** Brooke Worth writes from Johannesburg, South Africa, that his wife forwarded him an interesting Black Skimmer recovery report: Banded at tern and skimmer colony at Stone Harbor, N.J. - trapped at nest at Sand Shoals, Cape Lookout N.C., by Harry T. Davis of the N.C. State Museum, Raleigh, N.C. Dates: Banded 7/17/55; recovered 7/3/58. *** Howard P. Mahnken of Lambertville, N.J. reports that two Black Skimmers he banded at Beach Haven, N.J. in the summer of 1957 were found dead in Florida in February 1958 *** As this goes to press, Mr. & Mrs. William Pepper of Phila., Pa. are heading south to take two of the Audubon tours. But they'll be back intime for the Annual Meeting, we know *** There are at least 14 couples, each member of which pays dues, that are members of EBBA . . . and four of these couples are BOTH sustaining (the capital letters are the Treasurer's!) *** Dr. Paul H. Flock and wife Jeanne of Lambertville, N.J. have held over 900 programs at Washington Crossing Park, Pa. . . . during November 1958 Paul banded 14 Rusty Blackbirds and 109 Fox Sparrows *** Fred E. Smith of Stroudsburg, Pa. writes of his interest in Evening Grosbeaks and wishes to get in touch with other EBBA members with the same interest. He banded over 600 in 1957, he writes, one a bird with female plumage and male reproductive organs. *** The Jan-Feb issue of Audubon Magazine has a number of articles of particular interest to bird banders - especially The Oil Menace, a piece by English-woman Katherine Tottenham on how she has saved the lives of seabirds whose plumage is soaked with oil. *** THE RING, International Ornithological Bulletin, has a splendid article by Laidlaw Williams of Carmel, Calif. in its November 1958 issue: The Colour Band Technique, Suggesting more Use of It by the Non Professional Bander. As we've said before, we think all banders should support this useful banding bulletin -- order it directly from Dr. W. Ryzdzewski, 1 Altyre Rd., Croydon, Surrey, England. *** We hope to see you and talk with you at the Annual Meeting - so COME!
