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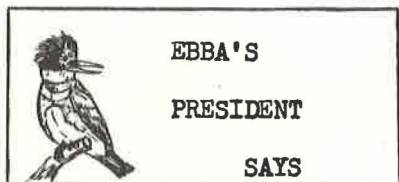
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EBBA NEWS is published six times a year by the Eastern Bird Banding Association. Applications for membership should be forwarded to the Treasurer. The dues: Active Members \$2 per year; Sustaining Members \$5.



At the next annual meeting we anticipate making a change in the Saturday program. One half will be devoted to reading papers and the business meeting, and the other half will be devoted to workshop. This workshop will consist of three, four or more groups. They will be so arranged

that a person may attend all or as few of the groups as he wishes. Well qualified persons will conduct each group.

The objective of the workshops is threefold: (1) to help the newer banders with some of the intricacies of bird banding not covered in material made available by the Banding Office; (2) to stimulate the more experienced members to use the data they have accumulated in their records, and (3) to collect suggestions for the new manual, and for future programs.

The idea of these workshops came about at the last meeting at East Stroudsburg, when there was insufficient time for question periods after the papers were read. Several members felt that fewer papers and more discussion would be more stimulating. This does not constitute a criticism of the program chairman, as it happens every year.

One of the greatest values of an annual meeting is the opportunity to discuss mutual problems. It is with this idea in mind that we have decided to give this type of program a try.

If you have any suggestions on the workshops will you please direct them to the president. They will be passed on to a special committee soon to be appointed. Would you like to help on such a committee? If so, please volunteer.

The 1961 Annual Meeting will be held on the weekend of April 25-27, probably in Cape May, N.J. Easter is April 2nd in 1962.

PERMANENT BANDING RECORD SHEETS

In view of the recent articles and discussions on record keeping, and the Banding Office's projected change in the form of schedules, many banders who have not already done so will be considering keeping records in order of band number instead of (or as well as) by species. To make this kind of record keeping easier, your Editors have had forms printed for their own use, and if enough members indicate a desire for them, we will have them printed in quantity. A sample of the form appears below:

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There are 50 numbered lines on each side of the sheet, so that each string of 100 bands will be covered by one record sheet. The right hand column, 2 1/2 inches wide, is left without a heading so that banders may adapt this space to whatever their needs might be. The form is printed on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, punched for use in a 3-hole looseleaf notebook.

Banders may consider using a duplicate of their schedules for permanent records, but there are several reasons why this is less than perfect. First, carbon copies always leave something to be desired. Also, if the practice becomes widespread, the Banding Office might view it as a drain on their budget. Most important, Bandings must be reported each year, and in most cases a given string of bands is used during two (or more) calendar years - seldom is a string used up on Dec. 31st: this causes a break in the bander's own records if he used carbons of the schedules. Also, the new schedule form contains several columns which are not needed for personal records; and it lacks room for remarks, weights, etc.

Members interested in using these forms are urged to write to the Editors, indicating the amount they need. Supplies will be printed as soon as the response warrants it. Prices are \$2.00 for 100, \$1.25 for 50, or \$1.00 for 30; prices include postage.
