

England. She also discussed efforts to control the numbers of Herring Gulls, which is discussed at length in her paper in the Jan-Feb 1961 issue of EBBA NEWS.

Stanley Quickmire spoke on "Birds in the Hand", illustrated with many excellent slides of what banders are most interested in - birds.

BANQUET The annual banquet was held in the college dining hall and was a resounding success. After the meal the "roll call" was held, in which the 144 members and guests present gave their names and such remarks as they wished about their banding. After this, John and Mary Schmidt showed their remarkable film, "A Screen Detour", movies of Florida birds. It takes a very good film to exceed in entertainment value John Schmidt's introduction, but this one succeeded and very well.

A rising vote of thanks was given at the banquet to Dr. William N. Martin of the college, for his fine work before and during the meeting as chairman of the arrangements committee.

FIELD TRIP ON SUNDAY The field trip began officially at 9:00 am. but really started much earlier when Chandler Robbins and a few others who know no better than to rise at dawn put up about a dozen nets around the Brookview Manor grounds for demonstration purposes. So until 9, the yard of the Brookview was filled with banders watching the netting or conversing - one of the best parts of these meetings. At 9 o'clock a formidable caravan of cars followed Dr. Martin out to Pocono Lake, and stopped at several spots around the lake. Among the birds seen were several Common Loons, five Bonaparte's Gulls, and several Red-breasted Mergansers and Red-fleheads. No warblers had arrived yet, but Ruby-crowned Kinglets were singing in the woods surrounding the lake. After this, some of the members stayed to go and see Buck Hill Falls and other scenic spots in the Pocono.

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