



JOHN W. TAYLOR is the Picture Contest winner with his delightful Barn Swallow family drawing illustrating his article, "Operation Barn Swallow" which appears in this issue. ★ ★ ★ The Editors hope that other swallow banders will be inspired by Mr. Taylor's article to send in details of their own experiences with swallow banding ★ ★ We asked Betty Knorr to do an article on her

activities. She answers, "About the article on banding Woodcock and Whip-poor-wills . . . right now I'm pretty well tied up editing and typing the manuscript for volume I of 'The Birds of North America', by Don Bleitz. Since Don has been working on this project for more than 20 years he is anxious to get the first volume published and after that I'll spend more time on some of my own little pet interests such as Woodcock ★ ★ ★

DR. JEFF SWINEBROAD, Professor of Ornithology at Douglas College, is making motion pictures of radar images of birds on migration. His talk on this project before the Urner Club led us to believe that some of the mysteries surrounding bird migration must inevitably yield to this type of approach ★ ★ ★ The immature Clapper Rail whose picture appears on the front cover was found in the shopping district of Ramsey, N.J. -- no salt marshes in the vicinity, writes Eleanor Dater ★ ★

DOROTHY BORDNER, our talented -- and always delightfully so -- Art Editor, is sending in her article on banding Phoebes in central Pennsylvania. It will appear in the next issue. WALTER BIGGER, who also does a great deal of Phoebe banding, will send us material on his methods and experiences soon, we hope ★ ★ We hope, too, that Harmon Nodecker, of Oneida, N.Y., who has banded some 2,775 Bank Swallows in the past six years, will do a story for us about this type of banding operation ★ ★ ★

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