



In these days of peril, values are apt to change rapidly. Bird-banding is still important. Like all biological research for new knowledge, bird-banding has real value. Bird-banding is good for ornithology and it is good for the banders. Bird-banding is a tool in research and it is a tool in benefitting people.

While at this writing the future looks dim, may you have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR with good bird-banding seasons to follow.



Merrill Wood

FIRST CHIMNEY SWIFT RECOVERY
FOR STATE OF OAXACA, MEXICO
By Nat Halverson

After reading Mrs. Dater's view on the IBM setup in the Banding Office, I received my first pink flimsy along with a photographed letter from the person who recovered one of my birds. I thought EBBA members should know the kindness and thoughtfulness of sending such complete information to me. This is my first recovery as I started my banding September 18, 1961. I was thrilled also to find the bird was recovered out of the United States.

I would appreciate your letting EBBA members know that the Banding Office is being kind to its banders and we need to let the Banding Office know we appreciate it.

Excerpts from the photographed letter (from Peter Hubbell, Sarabia, Oaxaca, Mexico) follow:

"This letter is to inform you of the recovery of a band (31-130637) attached to a female Chaetura pelagica which was collected April 18th in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico. [Nat Halverson banded this swift at Collegedale, Tennessee 10/12/61.] This specimen and the small series that it is part of constitute the first record of this species for the state of Oaxaca.

"Chimney Swifts were migrating in flocks of 10-40 birds, feeding, but constantly drifting northward. Estimates of total numbers would have to range in the thousands. . . ."

Rte. 2, McDonald, Tennessee

