



Latest rarity reported from Island Beach Operation Recovery is a Black-headed Grosbeak netted and banded by Fred Mears just before the station stopped for the season.

Eleanor Dater's column Nature Notes won second place in the New Jersey Press Association contest.

Orville Crowder writes from Moscow, USSR, that he is still exploring for possible angles for the 1963 tour. "We got 218 species on this year's trip," he says. EBBA members who might be interested in these tours to look for birds and other nature subjects in foreign parts may write Orville at Box 2247, Wash. 13, D.C.

Benton Basham, of Collegedale, Tennessee, writes Lillian Cardinali that he banded 4 Evening Grosbeaks - "the first of this species ever banded in Tennessee" he believes.

Franklin McCamey, who we hope will do an article for EBBA News soon on his Chickadee research, is now a wildlife biologist with the Fish & Wildlife Service, to be stationed in Concord, New Hampshire with the Branch of River Basin Studies. Maryland's loss is New Hampshire's gain.

EBBA NEWS back issue files are in dire need of the following issues: 1956 - Vol 19, No's 4, 5, & 6; 1958 - Vol. 21, No's 1 & 3; 1961 - Vol. 23, No's 2 & 5; 1962 - Vol. 25, No. 1. Anyone who has copies they feel they can part with will be warmly thanked if they will send above copies to the Editor.

Mrs. John A. Gillespie, whose banding experience goes back to EBBA's early days, has become Life Member #4 of EBBA.

For the first time, two members tied for the winner's place in this issue's Best Illustration Contest. Jean (Mrs. James G.) Stull is chosen for her lively pen and ink drawing of the Virginia Rail and young that appears on our front cover. The judges also chose Richard Chandler's excellently simple and clear drawing of the knitting needle band holder on page 233.

Deadline for articles and illustrations for the January-February issue will be January 12, 1963 -- early because we are sailing for Peru on the eighth of February to visit with Co-Editor Frank P. Frazier, Jr.

Be sure to contact Rev. Garrett Detwiler if you have a paper in mind for the EBBA Annual Meeting next April. His address: 285 Roseville Ave., Newark 7, N.J.