



Above:- (from left) Merrill Wood, John Given, Dr. Charles H. Blake and Albert Schnitzer converse on porch at meeting headquarters, the Brookview Manor.

Top right:- Raymond J. Middleton discusses best points of a trap during the Workshop session on Traps, Mazes and Banding Equipment. (Photos by Frank P. Frazier)



Above:- Arthur Fast presents new Certificate of Incorporation and new By-Laws to members.

Left:- Officers and members of the Council at the conclusion of their meeting.



## The 1963 Annual Meeting at East Stroudsburg, Pa.

By Frank P. Frazier



More than 150 members and guests registered for EBBA's 40th Annual meeting, which was held on April 19, 20 and 21 at East Stroudsburg State College, East Stroudsburg, Pa. East Stroudsburg State College, our hosts, provided meeting places, class rooms for the Workshop sessions, and other accommodations that made this one of the most successful meetings in EBBA's history. Dr. William N. Martin, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, and students and other college personnel were indefatigable in catering to our needs and comfort. Much of the success of the meeting was due to their careful preparations and efficient arrangements.

Headquarters for the meeting was the Brookview Manor, Canadensis, Pa., where many members stayed and where Friday arrivals registered. The EBBA Council meeting was held there as well.

### COUNCIL MEETING

The EBBA Council met at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19. The following members were present: Miss Dorothy L. Bordner, Mrs. Richard D. Cole, Mrs. John Y. Dater, Mrs. Stanley S. Dickerson, and Messrs. Ralph K. Bell, Charles H. Blake, Garrett S. Detwiler, Arthur H. Fast, Frank P. Frazier, John R. Given, Raymond J. Middleton, William Pepper, Albert Schnitzer and Merrill Wood. Mrs. E. T. McDonald attended as an observer.

After the meeting was called to order by President Merrill Wood, the Minutes of the previous meeting, the Treasurer's Report, the Auditing Committee Report and the Net Account Report were read and accepted. (The Treasurer's Report and the Net Account Report will be found on pages 87 and 89 of this issue respectively.)

The Council voted unanimously to accept the invitation to hold the next annual meeting in late May 1964 at Douglass College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The Council voted to approve the proposed By-Laws as amended and to bring them before the members at the annual meeting.

The report of the Memorial Fund Committee was read and accepted. After considerable discussion, it was moved and adopted that EBBA set up a Memorial Fund to consist of monies received from Life Memberships and from donations. The interest from this Fund, plus an additional sum up

to a certain amount, is to be used as an award to stimulate research in the field of ornithology through the use of bird banding techniques. The award is to be made in the memory of deceased EBBA members.

Further particulars concerning the Memorial Fund, and conditions surrounding the Award, will be printed in future issues of EBBA News. It is of interest to note that already more than a hundred dollars in donations has been received.

The Council voted to pay the cost of the Workshop Manual, Vo. II, and to thank the Workshop Committee: Miss Mary Rebecca Cregar, chairman, Christopher Rose and Miss Wilde Rose Mellencamp and all others connected with the Workshop.

Frank P. Frazier was appointed Editor, and Frank P. Frazier, Jr. Co-Editor for another year. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

#### PAPER SESSION

The Saturday morning paper session was held in the Auditorium of the Science Department, East Stroudsburg State College. President Merrill Wood called upon Raymond Middleton to introduce our host. Mr. Middleton introduced Dr. LeRoy J. Koehler, President of the College, who gave EBBA a warm welcome. President Wood responded for EBBA.

The first paper, "Population Studies of Hutcheson Forest," was presented by Dr. Jeff Swinebroad. Hutcheson Forest, he reminded those of his audience, used to be known as Mettler's Woods -- one of the few spots of its kind which has been virtually untouched by modern civilization. He described the method of setting up nets (noting that he used a new method this year) in order to get as true an estimate as possible of the number and species of birds in the area.

Mrs. Mabel Gillespie's paper on "The Travels of Common Terns," illustrated with maps, followed. (This paper will be published in the next issue of EBBA News.)

"The Story behind a Bracelet of Bands" was the title chosen for his paper by G. Hapgood Parks. In it he described how he and Mrs. Parks had journeyed to the Gaspé Peninsula to find and talk with Thomas Brousseau, a man who had shot and collected the bands of scores of Evening Grosbeaks. Mr. Brousseau had carefully sent in reports of these recovered bands to the banding office. Mr. Parks brought out the fact that Brousseau thought reports of band numbers on Evening Grosbeaks were desired and that the best way to get to read the band numbers was to shoot the birds. (Mr. Parks' paper will be published in a forthcoming issue of Bird-Banding.)

Mrs. Eleanor Dater, Chairman of the EBBA Net Committee, then outlined difficulties she had had with U. S. Customs authorities in getting mist

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nets from Japan into this country. Mrs. Dater noted that there was no longer any duty on mist nets and that therefore the price to members had been reduced.

EBBA Editor Frank P. Frazier told of the increase in circulation, and the increase in the number of pages of EBBA News during the past seven years of his editorship. He noted that there had been some 70 articles large and small contributed by members during the previous year and paid tribute to the assistance given by Co-Editor Frank P. Frazier, Jr. He particularly stressed Dorothy Bordner's delightful spot drawings and headings which give a unique flair to our publication's pages.

Allen Duvall, Banding Office chief, in his talk urged banders to be more careful in the preparation of their reports. He stated that the banding office was going to be more severe in its attitude towards the reports required. Mr. Duvall also announced that he was planning to issue some bands pre-opened, ready to put on birds' legs, and that bands in sizes of 3 and up would be made of a tougher alloy than at present.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting was held after members had lunched in the college cafeteria. After being called to order by President Merrill Wood, the minutes of the Council Meeting were read and approved, as was the report of the Treasurer.

Arthur Fast reported on EBBA's incorporation in the State of New Jersey. He read the Certificate of Incorporation and presented the corrected By-Laws to the membership. The new By-Laws were then voted upon and adopted. (Both the Certificate of Incorporation and the new By-Laws are printed on pages 110-116 of this issue.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was then presented by its chairman, Raymond J. Middleton. The following Officers and Councillors were elected as presented:

#### EBBA OFFICERS 1963-1964

President	Merrill Wood
1st Vice-President	John R. Given
2nd Vice-President	Dr. Charles H. Blake
3rd Vice President	Ralph K. Bell
Treasurer	Mrs. Stanley S. Dickerson
Secretary	Miss Dorothy L. Bordner
Editor (appointed by Council)	Frank P. Frazier



At left:-

Members listen and taken notes at Workshop session while Stanley Dickerson talks on how to plan and develop banding projects.



At right:-

Dr. Jeff Swinebroad looks on while skins are arranged for the Workshop session on identification of shorebirds by Betty Knorr and Chandler Robbins.



COUNCIL MEMBERS

To serve a three-year term - Mrs. Richard D. Cole  
Dr. Franklin McCamey

Raymond J. Middleton

To serve a one-year term - Miss Mary Rebecca Cregar

Miss Cregar was nominated and elected for a one-year term to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Garrett Detwiler, who resigned because of the press of his many other duties. This year's annual meeting program was arranged by Rev. Detwiler. Great appreciation for his activity on behalf of EBBA was expressed and his resignation was accepted with regret.

After a number of Resolutions (in order to make everything legal about the change-over to a corporation) were presented and passed by the membership, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

WORKSHOP SESSION

Divided up into Instructional Groups and Discussion Groups, as outlined in the previous issue of EBBA News, the sessions were held in the Auditorium and classrooms of the Science Department. Notes taken at these sessions by Douglas Whitman (whose photographs will also appear next issue), Jane Church, Mabel Warburton, Ron French, Betty Knorr, Ruth Rose and Ralph Bell will appear in future issues of EBBA News.

The sessions were well attended and members reported that they learned much from them. (The Report of the Workshop Committee appears on pages 91-92 of this issue.)

SATURDAY EVENING

After the Annual Banquet, which was held in the Dining Hall of East Stroudsburg State College, members went to the Auditorium and enjoyed the showing of a color film, "The American Bald Eagle."

SUNDAY FIELD TRIP

The Sunday Field Trip got under way at 9:00 a.m. under the direction of Dr. William N. Martin, the chairman of the local arrangements committee. Some 40 cars were in the caravan led by Dr. Martin north along the Delaware River on a tour of the Delaware River Tocks Island Project. Birds seen along the way included an American Eagle. A fitting close to another fine EBBA meeting.





Top left:- Head Table at the Banquet. (1 to r) Stanley & Elise Dickerson, Dorothy Bordner, Mrs. & Merrill Wood, Mrs. & College President Dr. Leroy J. Koehler.

Top right and right:- Mabel Gillespie and Allan Duvall presenting their papers.

Lower left:- James Baird and Gladys Cole leading the discussion at the Workshop instructional group session on identification problems.

Lower right:- Busy scene at the Registration Desk. Members getting their badges from Elise Dickerson, Dorothy Bordner, and other volunteers.

