

May-June 1963

VIRGINIA:

Mrs. Herbert H. Church, Jr., James Church, Arthur H. Fast,  
Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Mitchell, Frederick R. Scott, Mr. & Mrs.  
John Trott.

WEST VIRGINIA:

Mr. & Mrs. George Ballentine, James Denham, Mrs. Richard  
Jennings, Mrs. E. W. Vossler.

1962 FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NET COMMITTEE  
OF THE EASTERN BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS

Sales of Nets \$ 2929.12

EXPENSES

Cost of Nets	1,669.49	
*Customs Duty	217.55	
Postage	<u>80.00</u>	
		1976.04
Miscellaneous Supplies		70.44
Refunds		<u>30.90</u>
		2068.38
Advance 1963		<u>156.25</u>
		\$ 2224.63

Net Operating Profit \$ 704.49

BALANCE SHEETASSETS

Cash	\$ 1181.45
Nets on Hand (at cost)	<u>493.93</u>
	\$ 1675.38

LIABILITIES

Nets Paid for in Advance	156.25
Reserve for Check not Returned	4.05
Surplus	<u>1515.08</u>
	\$ 1675.38

\* Effective October 9, 1962, duty was removed under Public Law 87-770.

Prices of nets were lowered November 1, 1962.

Eleanor Dater, Chairman, P. O. Box 111, Ramsey, New Jersey

## ANNUAL MEETING - FIRST IMPRESSIONS

By Robert McCullough

Now that I have returned from the Annual Meeting at East Stroudsburg I think that the outstanding impression that I have is one of pride in the membership as a whole.

We felt comfortable with everyone we met and it was an opportunity to see and meet people we had been reading about and who had helped us in getting started in bird banding.

At all times there seemed to be a feeling of goodnaturedness, a prevailing "sense of humor" was always evident.

In the Auditorium on Saturday, my wife and I -- and I am sure everyone in the room -- shared Mrs. Gillespie's moments, as her excellently prepared talk on "The Travels of Common Terns" ran into mechanical difficulties with the illustrations.

Dr. Jeff Swinebroad's "Population Study of Hutcheson Forest" was very good for me. Particularly because he presented it in such a modest way, with no apologies for some 37 species of 1500 birds in 3 years. I am working on something of this nature and felt very encouraged.

On my return to workaday life I found myself telling G. Hapgood Park's story. His remarkable trip to the far North Woods in search of "The Story Behind a Bracelet of Bird Bands", and the French Canadian he found there seemed to give me a way of telling people what some of the features of an Annual Meeting of bird banders were like.

My wife is very helpful to me in bird banding. She is not very scientific, shall I say, she just "thinks Cowbirds are mean," and "Loves Chickadees." If she had any real purpose at the meeting it was evidently to find out if other people liked Chickadees. She was delighted when the first three people she "interviewed" claimed it was their favorite bird.

At the banquet it happened that she was seated next to Betty Knorr, and she was telling her in no uncertain terms about her proudest achievement, banding a Pileated Woodpecker. I got her aside long enough to explain, "Take it easy, I've been reading that Workshop Manual and this young lady can tell you how to get forty shorebirds out of a collapsed net." So she changed the subject to Chickadee, naturally, and found that it was Betty Knorr's favorite bird, naturally!

Most important, I think, at this meeting I determined what type of bander I want to be. This was very important to me at this stage, and made the meeting well worthwhile.

Just before the meeting I had been notified about my first bird recovery, a Tree Sparrow banded by Seth Low in Unity, Maryland on Jan. 13th, 1962. Everyone that I told about it, and I didn't fail to mention it, seemed to share the excitement they knew I felt.

The meeting gave you the feeling that you were not alone in what you were doing.

