



## NEWS in brief

"On Friday, the first day of August, Arni Waag guided me to Hafurbjarnarstadirm the farmstead of Hákon Vilhjálmsson, a man famed as Iceland's chief bander or "ringer" of birds. The farmstead was southwest of Reykjavik. . . . At Hákon's bird banding station we saw some ingenious traps set for shore birds in the sand and traps of other

ports with entrances designed to guide the birds gently in, but never out. The traps were covered with fish netting, so the birds would not injure themselves when they flew up, trying to escape. . ." (from Iceland Summer by George Misch Sutton.)



Stanley Dickerson went to Iceland in June, saw birds and took pictures. We hope to have a piece in EBBA News about his trip. Eva and Albert Schnitzer also went to Iceland in June and we hope to have their report also.



There's a Japanese gadget that makes cat sounds and has sparkling lights resembling cat's eyes, we are informed. If any member has a burning desire to acquire something of this sort as an aid to banding, please let us know and we'll try to find out more about it.



Marion (Mrs. David) Stocking of Beloit, Wisconsin writes that "in two years and two months of banding, I have had 3238 individuals of 104 species, all on our 100-foot wide house lot (less than an acre altogether) just within the city limits. . . . Nearly all these birds were taken with mist nets."



Dorothy Bordner's wonderfully imaginative drawings continue to liven this and other pages of EBBA News. Dorothy is spending September and October at Island Beach Operation Recovery this year (on temporary leave of absence from Penn State, we presume). On October 13th, Dorothy and her mother banded 558 birds.



A study by researchers of Leeds University brings us information to delight all word lovers: English county dialect words for scarecrow include crow boggart, mawkin, old mop, mawpin and potato bogle. (We'll never use "scarecrow" again!



About six months from when you read this, EBBA's 1964 Annual Meeting will be getting under way -- June 5-7 at Douglass College, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Plan now to come. Note particularly John Given's call for papers on page 171 of this issue.

EBBA's newest Life Member is T. A. Beckett, Magnolia Gardens, John's Island, South Carolina.



Deadline for the November-December issue is November 20. Some excellent articles are already on hand and promised. But there is room for more -- and particularly for pieces accompanied by pictures. New and exciting plans for EBBA News are in the making, thanks to a most active Publication Committee -- details in next issue. . . .