



NEWS
in brief

Three new Life Members have been added since our last report. They are: Merrill Wood, 811 N. Allen St., State College, Pa.; Dr. John M. Kimmich, 20 Tenmore Road, Haverford, Pa., and Jane (Mrs. Herbert M.) Church, Janelia Farms, Ashburn, Virginia.



There are lots of things not known about sparrows, banders learned at the Workshop Session conducted by Dr. Jeff Swinebroad at EBBA's annual meeting last June at Douglass College, New Brunswick, N.J. He urged banders to note as much information about sparrows as possible: for instance, color of eyes, color of legs, color of bills, color of soft parts. This is a project in which every bander can be useful. The Editor will be happy to print notes on the above -- so set them down and send them along, please.



How would you like to type schedules for 250,000 birds? Jane Church has done it! She writes: "The Pacific Project, Smithsonian, has banded over 250,000 birds this year. As I'm in charge of their banding records, all of them, I'm kept on the go. I don't ever again want to hear a bander complain about having to do schedules! -- I've typed schedules for all these birds this year and apparently there will be even more!"



There seems to be some confusion, EBBA's Treasurer reports, on eligibility for Student Membership in the Association. It is requested that those applying for Student Membership send in the name and address of the college they are attending in order that the records may be kept straight.



Those snaps used on inner tube lengths (Frazier, EBBA News 26(1):20) are standing up well under the test of time and hard use. More than 90% are still giving perfect service after use in all weathers at our home banding station, in Maine and at Island Beach Operation Recovery during the past two years.



One of the rewarding satisfactions of editing EBBA News lies in printing the engaging Polaroid photographs (and their captions) by Bob McCullough; the fine drawings by Carol Hand that head Ralph Bell's Diary, and the always delightful spot drawings Dorothy Bordner does for us and which are sprinkled through the pages of EBBA News each issue. We hope you like them as much as we do!



The Illustration Contest Award this issue goes to Dr. Robert Yunick for his photograph of the Least Bittern appearing on the front cover.



Deadline for the next issue is January 12. Members are urged to send in their news, pictures and articles on or before that date.