## A BIRD BANDER'S WEEK (IN SPRING) (with apologies to Ralph Bell) By Constance Katholi

A gray squirrel arrives at the feeding station in mid-mo. Ling and inactivates all the traps.

In the afternoon a migrating male Sparrow Hawk strikes twice at a 4-cell Potter trap containing several panic-stricken Purple Finches.

At daybreak a captive flying squirrel is sitting forlornly in the corner of a trap. Later in the day the male Pileated, a station regular, zooms through the middle of an ancient net.

Thursday -

Friday -

Saturday -

sunday -

At noon a large black-and-white feline crouches in hypnotic trance before a trap which contains a safe, but terrified Goldfinch.

A Chipmunk who comes out of hibernation greedy for sunflower seeds falls victim to a trap.

Two Beagles, frollicking merrily beneath a net containing a Junco, tear away the entire bottom shelf.

Dawn reveals a large (angry) cottontail rabbit hunched in a 9 x 9" trap compartment, and evening falls upon a stray dog dragging away to the woods a trap containing suet.

