



NEWS
in
brief

G. Hapgood Parks, of Hartford, Connecticut writes: "I am not sufficiently acquainted with the present status of the distribution in New England of the House Finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*) to know whether the following is of sufficient interest:

Anyhow, on May 2, 1966 we saw, trapped and banded our first ever of this species here in Hartford, Connecticut. Two individuals, apparently a pair, were captured simultaneously in an All Purpose Trap baited with sunflower seeds."



Jane (Mrs. Herbert M. Jr.) Church, EBBA's new secretary, writes that she is expecting a charming young woman from upstate New York to come sleep in a tent at Kent Point during Operation Recovery this autumn --- BUT --- cannot remember her name! Will this charmer please send Jane a post card?



Dorothy Bordner writes that she has had a letter instructing her not to use bird bands for bats. (We banded bats with bird bands at Island Beach Operation Recovery last year.) Dorothy states that she has ordered some bat bands for everyone to use at IBOR this autumn.



Anyone interested in trapping hawks should read Advantages and Disadvantages of Raptor Trapping by Bal-Chatri (or noose cage) which appears in Ontario Bird Banding Vol. 1, No. 2, pp.10-16. Title of the article by F. H. & M. L. Folensbee is "Raptor Trapping in the Niagara Peninsula."



J. T. Linehan, of Newark, Delaware sends this tidbit: "In place of the somewhat stiff USFWS banding area sign, I saw the following neatly lettered message placed at a netting area along a stream in West Virginia: "Nets ahead. Careful or you will be banded, weighed, measured and have your brood patch examined."



The Editor has extra copies of the banding form on which you marked your banding results for 1965 (we trust) and sent to Betty Knorr for the Who Banded What? department. Anyone wishing a few copies should write to the Editor. Price: 25¢ for first 10 copies, 1¢ each for any over 10.



We are woefully short of the 1966 Jan-Feb issue. If anyone has extra copies, they will be gratefully received by the Editor for EBBA's files.



Deadline for the September-October issue is September 12. Members who wish to see their news, articles or pictures published should send in their material to the Editor as far in advance of that date as possible.