



EBBA Vice President Franklin McCamey writes: "We will meet April 7, 8 & 9; lodging, reception on Friday night, banquet on Saturday night, at Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. Program on Saturday a 'show-me' tour of Migratory Bird Populations Station at Patuxent (Laurel, Md.) with highlight being the banding office, with explanation of its functions and problems. Advance registrations will be required -- date and place for forwarding them will be announced."

College Park, as a look at your road map will show you, is just north of Washington, D.C. and only a few miles from the banding office at Laurel.

A map, with careful directions on how to get to the Adult Education Center, University of Maryland, will be printed in the next issue of EBBA News. Mrs. Robert Turner, local committee chairman, assures us that there is plenty of parking space beside the building.

GOOD WILL AND UNDERSTANDING

By Mabel Warburton

Island Beach Operation Recovery, being held in a public park, gets its full share of inquisitive and interested visitors. Only the busy bander knows the distressing effects of the visiting public when the nets are full of birds and time is at a premium. For the past two seasons (1965-66) this problem at Island Beach has been greatly lessened by the tactful handling of the Park Naturalist, Wayne Nelson, with Salina Burdge assisting him.

When a tour of the net lanes was being planned, the bander was informed in plenty of time when to expect visitors and how many. When the group arrived, they were held at a safe distance until the bander was free to show birds and talk about the banding program. On extremely busy days, Mr. Nelson or Mrs. Burdge did the explaining from a point out of the bander's way, allowing the visitors to see from a distance what was going on, and then leading them to other points of interest without interfering with the banding activity.

Mr. Nelson also arranged an attractive display of the IBOR Banding Operation at the Park Nature Building, "The Aeolium," featuring Frank Frazier's photographs of the net lanes, banding techniques, birds, equipment, etc. Posted also at the Aeolium was a list of the birds currently being banded in the Park. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Burdge and Mr. Nelson for the understanding of our problem and their skilful solution which left both the bander and the visitor pleased and satisfied.