



NEWS in brief

We have recently received a copy of the new Raptor Research News (Vol. 1, No. 1: Jan. 1967), the quarterly publication of the recently formed Raptor Research Foundation, Inc. Its founders felt that an organization devoted exclusively to birds of prey would be desirable and their principal concerns appear to be the study, protection

and research into the possibilities of breeding in captivity, of birds of prey. This first Raptor Research News contains a history and description of the Foundation, and reports of breeding and other research projects currently under way. All interested persons are invited to join this organization, and inquiries should be sent to Dr. Byron E. Harrell, President, Raptor Research Foundation, Inc., University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota 57069.



Banders are invited once again to participate in the Cooperative Redwinged Blackbird Nestling Banding Program, and all have presumably received a mailing from the banding office about it. Results should be reported to Brooke Meanley at Patuxent (separately from banding schedules) after the nesting season is over.



Bill Pepper is going to South America to attend his brother's son's wedding in Lima, Peru and he will also tour Argentina, Brazil and Venezuela for several weeks. Good birding!



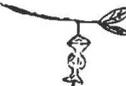
A tour of Wildlife Sanctuaries of the USSR is being organized by Mr. & Mrs. Harold S. Peters. It will run from July 23 to August 14, 1967, beginning in Finland and continuing through various parts of Russia and Siberia. Reservations may still be open and interested persons should write Mr. Harold S. Peters, 29 Riverside Road, Simsbury, Conn. 06070.



EBBA member David E. Samuel writes that this spring he will be banding Cliff and Barn Swallows, in West Virginia, and marking them with paint - different colors for different localities - on the head, breast, 10th primary and perhaps the tail. Colored bands will also be used. Anyone seeing birds so marked is requested to contact Mr. Samuel at Biology Department, West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia.



Mabel Warburton writes that on May 14th, she saw a Mallard Duck and nine ducklings, accompanied by a Canada Goose, walking on grass near a lake. When she approached, the goose lowered its head and "charged". Other people coming too close had the same experience. She wonders if perhaps this goose lost its mate and transferred his protective instincts to the Mallard and her brood.



Deadline for the July-August issue is July 10 - so please send material for publication as far in advance of then as possible.