



Mabel Warburton has sent us some advance news of the season's results at Island Beach Operation Recovery - the 1967 total is 21,364 birds banded. The most banded in a single day was 2,964 on October 22; the second highest day was October 29, with 1,767 birds banded. Five new species were banded, which had not previously

been caught at Island Beach - Black-crowned Night Heron, Least Bittern, Bank Swallow, House Finch, and Harris' Sparrow. The last-named is a real rarity, with only two or three previous records for New Jersey. Both Mabel and Fran Hornick recovered from operations they underwent almost simultaneously at the outset of the season, and were able to participate actively in O.R. in October.



Our Treasurer's son, Julian Dickerson, returned from Viet Nam last summer and is now stationed at Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts - close enough to allow weekend participation in O.R. at Block Island where the Dickerson's have been banding for a number of years. After returning from Viet Nam he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal.



Exciting ornithological news this year - which many of our readers have probably already heard, is that several pairs of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers have been found in eastern Texas - the newsletter of the Massachusetts Audubon Society says that investigations by former EBBA member John V. Dennis indicate the presence of five to ten pairs.



At the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union on August 21, 1967, EBBA member Dr. Oliver L. Austin, Jr. was elected the new editor of The Auk.



Deadline for the next issue is January 10, 1968. As usual, we would appreciate receiving articles, news and pictures for publication, as far in advance of that date as possible.



The Editors wish to take this opportunity to thank our regular contributors, in this last issue of the year - Mabel Gillespie, Betty Knorr, Ralph Bell, and Bob Yunick, all of whom write the regular columns that add so much to EBBA News; and artists Dorothy Bordner, Carol Rudy and Connie Katholi whose drawings enliven its pages; and Mary Schmid who meticulously prepares the index each year. And we are grateful to all those, too many to name, who have contributed material, assistance and advice.



Finally, we wish a very Merry Christmas to all ... and hope that 1968 brings a generous portion of happiness, good banding and good fortune to all our readers.