



"Nature Center Founder Wins National Honor" reads a headline of the Doylestown, Pa. Daily Intelligencer for Feb. 19, 1968. Dr. Paul H. Fluck, a former EBBA president and longtime member, was named by the Secretary of the Interior to receive the Conservation Service Award of the Dept. of the Interior. Presentation of the award will be

made in Morristown, N.J. on March 17, 1968. Congratulations! We are grateful to Rev. Garrett Detwiler for sending us this news.



Mrs. John M. Bowman of Wabasso, Fla. observed a Ring-billed Gull, apparently unbanded, wearing a bright yellow disc about $1\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter clamped over the leading edge of the right wing at the bend of the wing. If anyone knows about this, please write us.



Cecilia Dickerson Ross, our Treasurer's daughter, has moved to San Diego, Calif. since her husband, Arnold Ross, has been appointed Curator of Invertebrate Paleontology at the San Diego Natural History Museum...and is also a new EBBA member.



Mrs. Charles W. Avery writes that a Tree Sparrow she banded at Hamburg, New York on Feb. 24, 1958 was shot (!) near Barrie, Ontario, on Sept. 23, 1967 - over ten years old.



Mabel Gillespie, recently returned from her annual pilgrimage to California, and tells us she participated in the Morro Bay Christmas census which had 162 species...but that there weren't as many birds around as before, so banding was disappointing - in spite of that most impressive Christmas census total.



G. Hapgood Parks writes that for the first time in five years he has had Evening Grosbeaks at his feeder in Hartford, Conn. A single female came every day from Dec. 18 to Feb. 8, the date of his letter, occasionally accompanied by flocks of up to twenty others, after Jan. 31st.



We look forward to seeing all our old friends and many new ones at the Annual Meeting...and we urge each and every one of you to make every effort to come. Though the location is distant for many of us, it promises to be well worth the trip as all indications are that this will be a truly outstanding meeting. And be sure to talk with the Editors - we need your ideas, suggestions, and criticism.



Deadline for the next issue is May 1 - please submit material for publication as far in advance of that date as possible. For the sake of regularity, barring exceptional circumstances, we propose to have the deadline for each issue, the first of the first month of that issue, e.g. July 1 for the July-August issue.