



Mabel Warburton writes, "While birding along the beach at Longport, N.J. on March 16, 1969, we came upon a dead Herring Gull with a set of plastic rings around its neck in such a way that it evidently starved to death. These plastic rings are used to hold a six-pack of beer and are now freely discarded in parks, along roadways, and on

beaches all over the country. In this case, two of the rings were holding the gull's neck; one was entirely over the bill and head, and the second only partly, the loop being wedged tightly in between the mandibles." See the Wilson Bulletin Vol. 81, No. 1 (March 1969) for a photograph and description of a similar incident.



"Brown has perfected a method of catching with a heavy net laid on the ground, which he flips up as the feeding swallow passes over." ...this appears in Bokmakierie, Dec. 1968, of the South African Ornithological Society. No further mention is made of trapping methods, but the above could be a useful hint to prospective swallow banders with some ingenuity.



Elise Dickerson received a note from John Liddy of Australia: "Have included a copy of what seems to be the world's first bird-banding stamp...showing an Emperor (Penguin) being tagged."



Dr. & Mrs. Paul Fluck have been setting up a new Nature Center in the Bahamas, and write, "Among the many North American birds we banded was one Kirtland's Warbler. Among the many North American friends who visited us were Mr. & Mrs. Roger Tory Peterson."



One of the "foreign" Evening Grosbeaks which Dorothy Briggs mentioned in her article in the last EBBA News, caught Nov. 22, 1968, she has learned was banded by Carol Rudy in Wisconsin on March 7, 1967.



Mrs. Bradley Fisk reports some recoveries from Homestead, Fla. She caught one of Ralph Bell's Robins on March 15, 1969 (banded April 11, 1965); and two of Bruce Adams' Island Beach Catbirds: one banded 9/11/66, taken 3/27/69; the other banded 9/23/67, taken 1/19/69.



Corrigendum: on page 63 of the last issue (Bird Bander's Diary), beginning of third paragraph, for "Tree Swallows" read "Tree Sparrows". Our apologies to Ralph Bell.



Deadline for the next issue is July 1, 1969. Please get material for publication to the Editor as far ahead of that date as possible. This issue is a little late as the editorial typewriter was (and still is) in hospital; for those who notice a difference, most of this issue was typed on an office-size electric, for whose use we are grateful to Frazier Industrial Co. of Long Valley, New Jersey.