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A recent letter from Frank Neumann enclosed a leaflet describing the Pennypack Bird Sanctuary in Philadelphia, where he bands, and evidently conducts a fine educational program for the public. He writes, "Since the beginning of our 'shows' we have had 16,000 people from 15 states and five foreign countries visit us..." This program "helps visitors to have a proper understanding of our work, and it wakes up the public and creates nature appreciation".




With a new batch of drawings (not used in this News in Brief as it's a bit shorter than usual and they won't fit) Dorothy Border writes from Island Beach (Sept. 4): "Banding has been pretty good. Caught a Blue Grosbeak day before yesterday...Merrill Wood comes sometime today - maybe that's why it is raining!" Hope it cleared!




Ralph Condee, whose paper on titmice appears in this issue, spent the summer as a Senior Research Fellow at Glasgow University, Scotland and will continue there for the coming year.



Jack Roberts sent, with his Annual Banding Report, a copy of an interesting recovery report: a Snowy Egret he banded as a young bird in Oklahoma on June 21, 1964 was reported (without details) from Bogota, Colombia on November 19, 1964 by a Mr. Alvaro Amaya, an engineer with the Colombian National Tobacco Institute.



Writing on the very attractive stationery of the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, Lloyd Kiff tells us that he and his wife are going to Costa Rica to study and color-band Scarlet-rumped Tanagers, and to set up a permanent field station there for the Foundation. He has promised us an article on banding in Central America and we hope to hold him to it.



Hapgood Parks tells us that House Finches are "really taking hold here in Hartford, Conn. Never even saw one before 1966; in 1966 we banded 2; in 1967, 18; in 1968, 80! We banded 33 in January 1969 alone, though trapping had been sharply curtailed by inclement weather".

Deadline for the next issue is November 1. Please.....

