

President's Message, continued

that is going into effect Sept. 27, and will be published in the Federal Register!..."The Canadian Wildlife Service has sent the REVISION of the Bird Banding Manual, Vol. I to the printer."

*URGENT: Source of Canary Feathers needed for extract. R.W. Covert, Vice President, Hollister-Stier Laboratories, 550 Industrial Drive, Yeadon, Pa. 19050, makers of Insect Sting extract, writes for EBBA assistance in locating Canary Breeders who might supply feathers from which to make extracts. This request developed out of an exchange of correspondence in which I tried to determine why a paste of Meat Tenderizer seems to reduce the effect of Bee Sting. It was used quite effectively at Boy Scout Jamboree-West in Idaho in 1973. I would caution Banders that statistics show that the allergic reaction of insect bite of bee sting is far more dangerous to many individuals than poisonous snake bite in the U.S. (What to do about Bites & Stings of Venomous Animals. R.E. Arnold, M.D., Collier Books, N.Y.C.).

Through the combined cooperation of the Banding Lab and New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Service, your President served as Workshop instructor where the technique of Birdbanding was demonstrated as part of Wildlife Management at the 137,000 acre Philmont Scout Ranch and Training Center, Cimmaron, N.M., in early July. The actual focus of our workshops was the introduction of metrics, OBIS, and old Scouting Skills. But---after 50 hours of net time with a 5-meter mist net...four HY, Black-billed Magpies were CAUGHT BY HAND and banded. Banding at 6,800 feet in the "high country" of New Mexico is a considerable challenge. One of my Advisors in the two weeks of workshops and the banding venture was Walt Wenzel, Conservation Exec.-National B.S.A. Besides having served as Ranch Biologist for six years, he has the "eyes" of an Eagle when it comes to spotting wildlife. We hope to "follow-up" on this effort with an Ecology-Conservation Workshop which will be conducted by B.S.A. mid-July 1976, at Philmont Ranch.

I have just received a phone call informing me that another State has entered an Annual Fee (\$5.00) for a State Banding Permit. Will you contact Dr. Robert P. Yunick, Chrmn, Ethics Committee, 1527 Myron Street, Schenectady, N.Y. 12309, or your President, so that we can determine the status of State Banding Fees.

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