

### AUSTIN STATION SAVED

We record with great pleasure the purchase of the buildings and land (300 acres) of the world-famous O. L. Austin Ornithological Research Station (North Eastham, Mass.) by the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

Upon the death of Dr. Oliver L. Austin, Senior, in 1957 (*Bird-Banding*, 29: 71), the station formed part of the estate left to his widow. It appeared that the station would have to be sold for real estate development; however, the Society, under Allen H. Morgan, Executive Vice-President, raised enough money to buy the premises, and is now endeavoring to raise endowment. They hope to operate a multi-purpose demonstration wildlife sanctuary, with special emphasis on research.

As this issue goes to press, it is not known whether the Society can raise funds in time to have the station in full operation by the summer of 1959.

We are therefore inviting contributions to the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association, for a new Research Fund. Its first objective is \$1,000, to ensure continuity in the field work with adult terns, in the 1959 season. This will cover salary and expenses of two or three men for the short season during which the adults can be trapped. The work is hard, with long hours, and volunteer efforts are not enough to cover the ground. A regular staff does, however, furnish an excellent nucleus around which the efforts of volunteers can be planned.

We think that contributions to this fund will give unusually high returns:

- (a) a high proportion of the adult terns carry bands (the AORS banded over 650,000 Common Terns), so that trapping yields data of immediate value;
- (b) the regular staff will be housed at the station, with no charge for rent;
- (c) the NEBBA has no overhead expenses to be paid out of the fund, and
- (d) we expect to hire college students who will find the work of interest professionally, and be earning part of their expenses for the coming college year.

If you would like to help, please mail your contribution *now* to NEBBA's Treasurer, Mr. Hugh E. Harlow, 47 Scotland Road, Reading, Mass., designated for this fund. Such contributions are deductible from income subject to tax.

### NOTES AND NEWS

At a meeting in New York City on October 15, 1958 (in conjunction with the A.O.U. meeting), delegates of the four regional bird-banding associations voted to form a new Council of North American Bird-Banding Organizations. Its purpose is not to replace the existing associations, but to set up some simple machinery to make it easier for them to cooperate on projects and problems common to all.

Mrs. John Y. Dater, Jr. (259 Grove St., Ramsey, N. J.), first vice-president of the Eastern Bird-Banding Association, was elected as chairman for a term expiring with the 1959 A.O.U. meeting. Mr. E. Alexander Bergstrom was named chairman of a committee to work on the pending revision of the bird-banding manual, in cooperation with the Fish and Wildlife Service.

At the annual meeting of the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association, Roland C. Clement was unwilling to be renominated as Treasurer because of extreme pressure of other work. During the past year, Roland supervised the moving of the R. I. Audubon Society to new quarters, started a new periodical for the Society, made a month's trip to Labrador for the Carnegie Museum, and took up an appointment on the staff of the National Audubon Society in New York. Elected Treasurer in his place was Hugh E. Harlow (47 Scotland Road, Reading, Mass.), who is a staff associate (specializing in electronics) with Anderson, Nichols and Company, consulting engineers.

Also at the NEBBA annual meeting, a committee (under Richard J. Eaton as chairman) was appointed to study incorporation of the association, and revision of its by-laws.

Dr. Charles H. Huntington, Assistant Professor of Biology at Bowdoin and a member of the NEBBA's council, recently received a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation to study Leach's Petrels at Kent Island, N. B.

Applications for grants for ornithological research from the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Fund should be received by March 15, by the Frank M. Chapman Memorial Committee, The American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th St., New York 24, N. Y.

Students of bird migration will find good news in the fact that Dr. David Lack has (in his words) "switched my own research to migration." It would be greatly appreciated if reprints of migration papers and notes might be sent to Dr. Lack, at the Edward Grey Institute of Field Ornithology, Botanic Gardens, Oxford, England.

Oscar M. Root's excellent paper on "The Birds of the Andover Region" (Mass.) (reviewed in *Bird-Banding*, **29**: 201) is now available from the author, at Brooks School, North Andover, Mass., at \$1.00 a copy, postpaid.

Despite an active demand, the NEBBA is succeeding quite well in keeping three sizes of mist nets in stock for immediate delivery. For details, write to E. Alexander Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford 7, Conn.

*Erratum*: in **29**: 153 (July, 1958), first line, for "1900" read "0900 (D.S.T.)".

We regret the unusual number of mailing errors in recent issues, and have taken steps to reduce them. If any subscriber has not called a missing copy to our attention, please let Mr. Harlow know so that it may be replaced.