

NOTES AND NEWS

At the Rockland, Maine, meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society in June, 1959, an informal meeting of the North American Council of Bird-Banding Associations was held. Mrs. John Y. Dater was renamed chairman of the Council, and E. Alexander Bergstrom was renamed chairman of the Committee on the Preparation of a New Bird-Banding Manual, for terms expiring at the 1960 W.O.S. meeting. Problems involved in the new manual were discussed. It was hoped the Committee could send drafts of a number of pages to the Bird-Banding Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service by August 1, to be followed by another batch of drafts before the end of 1959. General agreement has been reached with Mr. Duvall on the setup and spacing of the pages.

The Northeastern Bird-Banding Association regularly stocks four sizes of Japanese mist nets: type A, 4-shelf, 12-meter; type B, 2-shelf, 6-meter; type C, 4-shelf, about 12-meter, for shorebirds or larger land birds; and type D, 4-shelf, 6-meter. All except type C are for small land birds, up to robin or jay size. For prices and availability, write to E. Alexander Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford 17, Conn. He also has copies of Seth Low's paper on the use of mist nets (*Bird-Banding*, 28: 115-128, July, 1957), for distribution without charge.