

NOTES AND NEWS

We are pleased to see the first pages of the long-awaited revision of the bird-banding manual, released by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Canadian Wildlife Service under date of June 30, 1961. Problems relating to the recent fire in the Patuxent punched-card records had delayed the printing of this first installment of the new manual. However, the North American Council of Bird-Banding Associations is actively working on material for further installments, and every effort will be made to release more pages in 1962.

The incorporation of NEBBA was formally completed as of November 30, 1960, although confirmation did not reach us for some months afterwards (see *Bird-Banding*, **32**: 67-68).

Separates of the "Chickadee Trap" paper from our January, 1961 issue (*Bird-Banding*, **32**: 51-55) may now be obtained, without charge, from the author at his new address: Frank McCamey, 91 Ormand St., Frostburg, Md. The separate includes full details on materials and construction. This is one of the best automatic-door trap designs yet devised, and is likely to replace many of the older "Potter" type mechanisms.

While *Bird-Banding* always welcomes gifts of back issues from readers who no longer have a use for them, we are particularly anxious to obtain several copies of each of certain issues which are now lacking in our stock of back issues: any of the issues for 1946 or 1948, or July, 1958. If any reader knows of any of these nine issues for sale, NEBBA is willing to pay \$2.00 each for them. Back issues, or correspondence relating to them, should be directed to our Treasurer, Mrs. Downs. She has available a list of back issues in stock.

While sales of the index to *Bird-Banding* for 1941-50 have been active in recent months, it is certainly not reaching all those who might find it useful. In one compact volume, it provides easy reference to much of the world literature on field ornithology for that period, a service not duplicated elsewhere to our knowledge. Many college libraries would find it worthwhile. Copies may be obtained from Mrs. Downs, at \$3.00 (paperbound) or \$4.50 (hard covers) to present NEBBA members or *Bird-Banding* subscribers; or \$4.00 (paperbound) or \$5.50 (hard covers) to others. These prices include postage.

In recent months we have been able to ship all mist-net orders quite promptly. However, a high proportion of orders are bunched in the periods from late March through May, and from late July through August. Considering the difficulty in maintaining stocks sufficient to meet these peaks, and delays occasioned by business or vacation trips, we urge the ordering of nets somewhat in advance of the moment they are to be used, when possible. For prices and other details on the five sizes of nets sold by NEBBA, write to Mr. E. A. Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford 17, Conn.