

NOTES AND NEWS

We regretfully note the death on June 9, 1963, of Dr. Frederick A. Saunders, at the age of 87. Dr. Saunders was most widely known as a physicist, but was also active as an ornithologist. He served as president of NEBBA from 1935 through 1941.

Bird-Banding can once again offer prompt publication for suitable papers and notes, after two or three years in which we have had an unusually large backlog of material awaiting publication. While many banders may not have material for a major paper, most stations have the basis for at least one general note of interest. We would like to publish more notes, and can generally run them in the first issue after they are received.

In view of changes in printing costs, our former scale of prices for separates has been replaced by the accompanying table. The amount shown is that charged by the printer, as NEBBA and the journal receive no part of the amount. We regret the need to increase the scale of prices, but recognize the substantial amount of handwork necessary for the printer on separates, and the rising cost of such handwork. If an author prefers to receive copies of the entire issue, we will be glad to sell such copies at a special price of 10c each (plus postage), *provided* the request is made before the issue is actually printed. In some cases use of whole copies may produce appreciable savings, such as for authors with very long papers, or those who desire only a few copies. Admittedly, whole copies require more postage than separates.

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Mr. Richard Burroughs, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, began studies on May 1, 1963, on Nantucket Island under the Northeastern Bird-Banding Association Fellowship. Mr. Burroughs is enrolled as a graduate student in the Department of Zoology at the University of Massachusetts and he will use the studies on the breeding biology of the terns of Nantucket in partial fulfillment of the requirements of his masters degree. Emphasis in his studies will be directed toward a better understanding of the interspecific competition between gulls and terns which appears to be resulting in a decrease in the tern colonies on Cape Cod. His field studies are expected to keep him on Nantucket from May 1, 1963 through August 30, 1963 and from about May 15, 1964 through July 30, 1964.

The 1963 annual meeting of NEBBA will be held on October 12-13 at Block Island, Rhode Island, with ample opportunity for mist-netting demonstrations, near the peak of migration there.