

Special Funds

<i>Index Fund</i>	Year ending Aug. 31 1965	Year ending Aug. 31 1966
Reserve	\$ 418.20	\$1,636.20
Received from Mist Net Account	1,200.00	120.00
Received from sale of 1941-50 index	18.00	
Reserve	<u>\$1,636.20</u>	<u>\$1,756.20</u>
 <i>Research Fund</i>		
Reserve	\$ 295.73	\$ 295.73
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 <i>Life Membership Fund</i>		
Reserve	\$ 957.00	\$1,656.25
Additions, 1965	699.25	
Additions, 1966		281.25
Reserve	<u>\$1,656.25</u>	<u>\$1,937.50</u>
 <i>Christian J. Goetz Fund</i>		
Reserve	\$	\$ 590.85
Received, 1964 income on legacy	\$ 590.85	
Received, 1965 income on legacy		625.65
Reserve	<u>\$ 590.85</u>	<u>\$1,216.50</u>

MRS. JAMES R. DOWNS,
Treasurer

Note: none of these figures include the Net Account, details on which will appear separately.

NOTES AND NEWS

At the annual meeting of NEBBA on October 29, 1966 it was voted that all individual subscribers be considered members of the Association, leaving only institutions as subscribers to *Bird-Banding*. Individuals will of course continue to receive the journal, but their \$5 annual payment will be considered to be dues rather than a subscription. The previous distinction between individual members and individual subscribers had no real meaning after the annual charge became a minimum of \$5 for all (to meet increases in printing costs).

The October 29th meeting featured a series of short papers by members on their research projects, to illustrate ways in which amateurs can focus their efforts on specific problems rather than applying bands at random.

NEBBA'S spring field meeting will be held at Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary (of the Massachusetts Audubon Society) at Lenox, Mass. on May 20, 1967. It will feature a demonstration of mist nets (weather permitting), traps, and other banding equipment. Other features are being discussed, such as a tentative session on warbler identification.

The 1967 annual meeting of NEBBA will be held on October 28th, a paper session at Drumlin Farm (Massachusetts Audubon Society), Lincoln, Mass. Those wishing to offer papers for this meeting may write to Mr. James Baird, Mass. Audubon Society, South Great Road, Lincoln, Mass. 01773.

Details of the May meeting will be sent to individual members of NEBBA who live in New England. Details of the October meeting will be sent to them and also to individual members in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and the Maritime Provinces. We would of course be happy to send notices to anyone else (individual members living elsewhere, institutional subscribers, or anyone else interested in attending), if they will write to the Secretary (see inside back cover) in advance.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain complete sets or long runs of *Bird-Banding*. Not only is a span of more than 40 years involved (counting the *Bulletin of NEBBA*), but our larger circulation in recent years puts extra pressure on the limited printings of earlier years. We need your help to see that back issues in good condition are not thrown away. If you no longer plan to keep earlier issues of the journal, or if you know of other copies which are no longer being used, we would very much appreciate your getting them to someone who can use them. Mrs. Downs, NEBBA's Treasurer, always welcomes gifts of back issues, or may be able to purchase certain issues which are particularly scarce. We are always willing to run notices (without charge) of complete sets or long runs for sale, or of issues needed to complete a set. We suggest that anyone with a complete set who doesn't want to part with it during his lifetime provide for its safekeeping in his will, by bequest to NEBBA or otherwise.

Mrs. Margaret Morse Nice (address on inside back cover) lacks only one issue of *Bird-Banding* to complete a set: January-April (combined) 1943, volume 14, number 1-2. If any reader has a copy, or knows where one is available, please let Mrs. Nice know.

The library of the Vogelwarte Helgoland (at Wilhelmshaven), one of the principal ornithological libraries of Germany, lacks six issues of *Bird-Banding* to complete their set: **14**: 1 and 2 (combined); **17**, 1, 2 and 3; and **19**: 1 and 4. If any reader has a copy of any of these, or knows where one is available, please let the Editor know.

The Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell is anxious to have contributors to the North American Nest Record Card Program complete and return cards for the 1966 season. Over 25,000 cards were returned for the 1965 season, while 1966 is expected to better that figure. Anyone who hasn't participated in the program but is interested may obtain details from the Laboratory at 33 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, N. Y. 14850.

The Wilson Ornithological Society will again offer at least one Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant (\$100). This grant, established in 1947, is devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge. Application forms may be obtained from Harrison B. Tordoff, Museum of Zoology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The American Museum of Natural History, with support from the National Science Foundation, will once again consider applications from college undergraduate science majors for appointments as student participants in a summer program of ornithological research at the Kalbfleisch Field Research Station in Huntington, Long Island. Applicants must be proficient in the field identification of the land birds of New York. The research program provides training in censusing breeding birds, mist netting, banding, aging and sexing birds through surgery, sound recording and playback techniques, preparation of museum specimens, etc. Students are in residence for ten or more weeks and receive their room and board plus a stipend of \$600. Applications must be filed not later than 1 March 1967. Write to Dr. Wesley E. Lanyon, Department of Ornithology, The American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y. 10024.

The facilities of the Bowdoin Scientific Station, Kent Island, Grand Manan, New Brunswick, Canada will once again be available to scientists wishing to do field research on an offshore island, unique in North America in providing investigation facilities at a large sea-bird breeding station. While other visitors are welcome, priority will be given to such scientists, provided that requests are received prior to March 15. The National Science Foundation will again support a program for undergraduates doing research in avian ecology (and other aspects of biology); applications must be received by March 1. Further details may be obtained from Dr. Charles E. Huntington, Dept. of Biology, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. 04011.

Information on the ten types of mist nets sold by NEBBA may be obtained from Mr. E. A. Bergstrom, 37 Old Brook Road, West Hartford, Conn. 06117. Despite very substantial reserve stocks, and the constant arrival of more nets from Japan, we are occasionally out of some type temporarily. If you can order well in advance of your needs, you may save delays in your netting project. However, normally all orders can be filled immediately, from stock.

Color bands for seabirds made of P.V.C (polyvinyl chloride) Darvic plastic have proven more resistant to fading than other plastic bands. Types used by Dr. J. C. Coulson of Durham University are now available commercially. Information on these bands (and on wing tags of the same material) may be obtained from: Mr. J. Warner, 51, Wantage Rd., Carrville, Co. Durham, England, or Mr. I. Dennisen, 76, Carr House Drive, Franwellgate Moor, Co. Durham, England.