

formal research reports is being started. Work with schoolchildren, both at the Observatory and at schools, keeps growing, though limited by both staff and space. To remove some of these limitations, a fund drive for \$86,700 has started, with over \$14,000 from five foundations in recent weeks. The Observatory can put to good use a wide variety of volunteer talents, and of gifts large or small, in money or otherwise—ranging from S & H green stamps to the use of a tractor for a spring weekend to plow a field for wildlife planting. Offers or questions may be directed to the director of the observatory, Kathleen S. Anderson.

#### NO MIST NETS IN JUNE OR JULY

As this issue goes to the printer, it is probable that I will be abroad for a month in June and July. Mail will not be forwarded, and we regret that it is impractical for anyone else to handle mist net orders meanwhile. Thus NEBBA will be unable to ship nets, make quotations, or reply to questions about nets from about June 5th through July 15th (note that these dates are slightly different from the tentative dates in the last issue). Usually quite a backlog of orders builds up during such an absence, and takes a few days to catch up with. If you can anticipate your needs enough to order by the end of May, you may save quite a delay. During that absence, Mrs. Howard can supply copies of the mist net list as printed in the October 1969 issue (the same price level is still in effect, but see "Notes and News" in this issue for some changes in nets available).

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