

House Finches: are being color banded at Hingham and Lexington, Mass. Sight reports should be sent to Mrs. Wallace W. Smyth, Manomet Bird Observatory, Box O, Manomet, Mass. 02345.

Oiled Birds: information on birds banded with oil on them (who banded the bird, where it was banded, the species, the number of oiled birds banded, any returns on oiled birds, and the number of birds banded with spots or traces of oil on them) is requested by Philip B. Stanton, Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Grove St., Upton, Mass. 01568. He has had some success in cleaning badly-oiled birds, using Polycomplex A-11, and will furnish pamphlets upon request.

NOTES AND NEWS

At the annual meeting of NEBBA (at North Dartmouth, Mass., on November 6, 1971) Dr. John H. Kennard was elected president. He succeeded James Baird, who had ably presided over four active and prosperous years for the Association. E. Alexander Bergstrom (retiring as editor) was elected as vice-president, succeeding Dr. Kennard. Mesdame Howard and Downs were reelected as secretary and treasurer, respectively. The new council members are Mrs. John Fiske, Mrs. Daniel J. Regan, and James O. Seamans.

Please mark your calendar for the two 1972 meetings of NEBBA. The spring field meeting is set for Saturday, June 3, at the Manomet Bird Observatory (some late migrants should still be around). The annual meeting is set for Saturday, November 4, tentatively at St. Anselm's College in Manchester, N. H.

Increases in dues and subscriptions for NEBBA, as previously announced, could not be put into effect at the start of the fiscal year (September 1) because of the national price freeze. We are putting an increase into effect early in Phase II of the freeze, because of increases in our costs both prior to the decision to increase dues and subscriptions and since then.

The NEBBA council meeting of November 5, 1971 discussed at length a proposal that 4 or 5 of the banding associations publish a common newsletter (the so-called Great Journal Joining). Most councillors agreed that such a newsletter had attractive possibilities. Opinions were more diverse on the feasibility of the proposal as it stood. The council voted approval of the general concept, and appointment of a committee to look into the feasibility of the proposal (or of some other approach to a common newsletter). The new president appointed Messrs. Baird and Bergstrom, along with himself, to make up the committee. *Bird-Banding* itself is not directly affected by the proposal.

At the annual meeting NEBBA continued its recent custom of making annual grants to the Manomet Bird Observatory, this time for \$295.73 (the odd amount was to clear out a small balance being carried in the treasurer's accounts for a research fund). While the MBO has no formal connection with NEBBA, most of the people active in MBO are also active in NEBBA, and NEBBA has strongly endorsed the scientific and educational work under way at MBO. Memberships in MBO start at \$7.00, and may be sent to Miss Barbara Treat, Manomet Bird Observatory, Box O, Manomet, Mass. 02345.

The Eastern Bird Banding Association is again sponsoring a \$250 grant for an undergraduate or graduate student (in a U. S. college or university) for research in ornithology involving bird banding. Applications may be obtained from Dr. W. D. Merritt, Riverview Road, Rexford, N. Y. 12148. The deadline for receipt of completed applications is March 20, 1972.

The Wilson Ornithological Society will offer one or two Louis Agassiz Fuytes awards (in amounts between \$100 and \$200) and one Margaret Morse Nice award (for \$100), to encourage and stimulate young ornithologists. Development of research interest among amateurs is particularly desired. The recipient need not be associated with an academic organization, and in the case of the Nice award may not be so associated. Applications may be obtained from Val Nolan, Jr., Dept. of Zoology, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, Ind. 47401. Completed applications must be received by 1 May 1972.