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Who is . . . ?

Our president, *Theodore A. Beckett, III*, is from Charleston, South Carolina now, but grew up on a farm on nearby Johns Island. Ted majored in horticulture at Clemson University and has been Nursery Manager at Magnolia Gardens for the past twenty-six years. He is married and has three daughters. Since 1949, when he was issued banding permit No. 6741, he has banded over 100,000 birds — many of them colonial nesting species. Ted has made two trips to Churchill, Manitoba, to study the natal down of the many nesting species — one of his major interests.

For over twenty-five years the Brown Pelican has been a special study of his. The Painted Bunting, night herons, the Cattle Egret, and, until recent years, the Red-cockaded Woodpecker have been his special study species. While he is still able, Ted spends long hours in the field; when he is no longer able to do this, he plans to publish the accumulated knowledge from his numerous field notes, banding records and recoveries. He considers all of nature to be a part of a whole, to which man in spite of his many efforts, will never secure an entire grasp of its interwoven relationships.



Committee Chairpeople announced

Our president, Ted A. Beckett III, announces the selection of the Chairpeople for the Committees:

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Raptor banders: please note

Under the coordination of Ranger Ed Henckel, we would like to start an annual report of raptor banding similar to the idea of the Atlantic Flyway Review which, as you know, deals only with small birds. Presently, we have in mind Coastal, Appalachian and Allegheny flyways. Anyone interested in participating should contact the EBBA Editor for further information.

A special note from the Editor

We are sorry to announce that, because of business pressures, Frederick S. Schaeffer has been forced to withdraw his help with our journal.

Fred has served EBBA long and well, for which we extend our thanks. We wish Fred all sorts of good luck and hope that business does not keep him from returning to the basic reason for our association — that of bird banding.

Notice: To all authors of unpublished papers

Would all authors who have submitted papers to the EBBA Editor before April 1976 notify the Editor as to whether or not your paper needs updating or correction.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, no paper can be published until we hear from you.

EBBA Conference—Spring 1975

A grand time was had by all

M. Kathleen Klimkiewicz

The joint annual meeting of EBBA-NEBBA was hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Bird Bander's Group (MABBG) at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland, 9-11 April 1976. Festivities began with an all-day *Open House* at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland. The Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL), Electronic Data Processing (EDP), and Migratory Non-game Bird Studies conducted tours of their facilities. Two tours were taken to the Bottomland Forest on the Center. The banders (117 on Friday and 29 on Sunday) toured the BBL and, hopefully, many gained an insight into the work done at the laboratory. Refreshments were provided by the BBL staff and MABBG. Registration was handled by the local committee at the 4-H Center. Workshop manuals and other items were on sale in the exhibit area. Many banders shared their traps, feeders, holding cages, techniques, photographs, etc. in the exhibits. All of the main activities (except workshops and meals) were held in one large room. This allowed ample opportunity to visit with fellow banders, view the exhibits, exchange ideas, and discuss banding in general.

Members and guests enjoyed a slide presentation on Friday evening while the two councils "slaved" at their respective meetings. Claudia Wilds shared her adventures with the "Birds of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and the Antarctic Peninsula." A reception was held after the presentation and refreshments were served.

Saturday dawned bright and early! As local chairman I welcomed EBBA and NEBBA on behalf of MABBG. Chris Rose, President of EBBA, and Jim Seamans, President of NEBBA, accepted the welcome. The rest of the day was spent learning from one another through workshops and paper presentations.

WORKSHOPS — How to Set Up and Operate a Raptor Banding Station, and Identification, Aging and Sexing of Raptors (Bill Clark). General Aging and Sexing Techniques for Beginners (Kathy Klimkiewicz). A Simple System for Recording Molts (Trevor Lloyd-Evans). Waterfowl and Game Bird "Wing Bee" (Elwood "Woody" Martin). Analyzing Migration Data (Chan Robbins). Identification, Aging and Sexing of Finches and Sparrows (Dave Holmes and Kathy Klimkiewicz). Identification, Aging and Sexing of Warblers (Dave Bridge). Analyzing Recovery Data (Paul Woodward).

PAPERS — 1975 Banding Activities at Two Vermont Localities (Sally Laughlin). Preliminary Growth Studies on Nestling Purple Martins, and A Simple Capture Technique for Nesting Purple Martins (Paul Jung and Kathy Klimkiewicz). Use of Bird Banding Data in Studies of Avifaunal Composition of Fragmented Forests (Bob Whitcomb). Analysis of a Neighborhood Flock of Starlings (Hannah Suthers). Report from the Bird Banding Laboratory (George Jonkel).

Both EBBA and NEBBA conducted annual meetings on Saturday and a field trip to view the Boehm Porcelain Exhibit was held for banding "widows and widowers". Everyone was encouraged to "squeeze in" a few moments to take the bird quiz.

Saturday evening was the culmination of a fine day and began with an informal social for everyone. The banquet was attended by 195 registrants and guests. Door prizes were given away and the winners of the bird quiz were announced. Pete Pyle took the honors for the second year and Glen Mahler was a close runner-up. Chris Rose officially stepped down from the EBBA presidency and

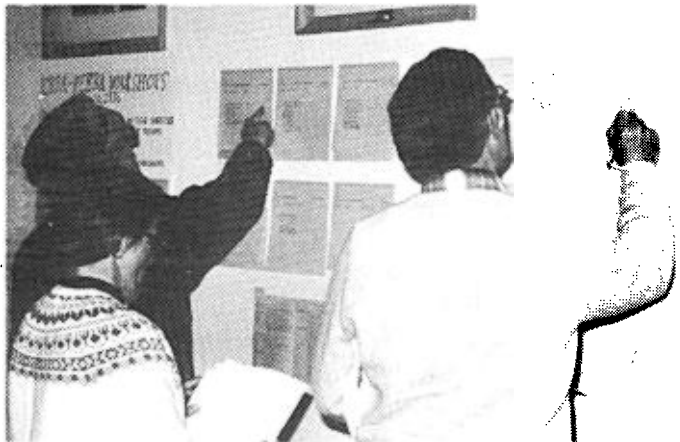
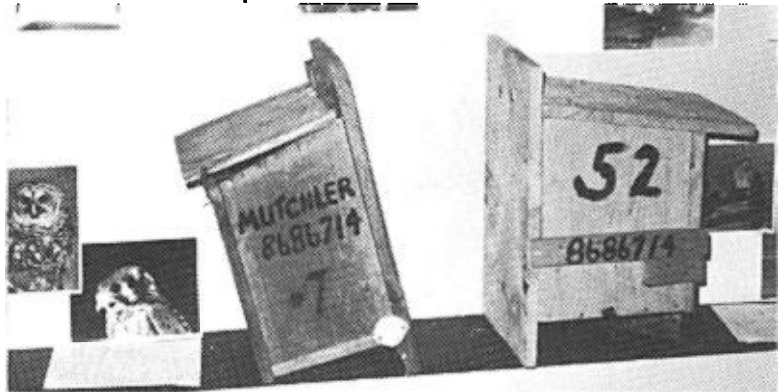


Top row: (Left) Gabrielson Laboratory, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. (Right) Jay Sheppard, Biologist at BBL, explains the micro-fische system.

Second row (Left) Judy Fiehrer welcomes visitors to the Bird Banding Laboratory. (Right) Chan Robbins answers questions and explains the many projects of the Migratory Non-Game Bird Studies section.

Third row: (Left) Bill Bauer conducts tour through the Electronic Data Processing Section. (Right) BBL staff takes an "R and R" after the tour.

Bottom row: (Left) MABBG local committee takes a breather. Standing: Ernie Meyers and Jane Church. Seated (left to right): Jerry and Joe Schreiber, Dave Bridge, Minette McCullough. (Right) National 4-H Center.



Top row, left to right: Walter and “Sweetie Pie” Smith tackle the bird quiz. “Kestrels, anyone?”

Middle row, left to right: Kathy Klimkiewicz welcomes EBBA-NEBBA members on behalf of MABBG. “I think I’ll go to Adventure on Sunday.”

Bottom row, left to right: MABBG local committee — Gladys Cole, Dave Bridge, Janet Ganter — register two of the 207 participants. “Decisions, decisions — which workshop should I go to first?”



Top row, left: "Let's see what the Adventure Banding Station has done."

Top row, center: (Above) Trevor Lloyd-Evans explains the topography of a bird wing. (Below) Dick Wolinski and Janet Ganter discuss what they learned in the molt workshop.

Top row, right: Bill Clark shows accipiters to his workshop participants.

Center row, left to right: "Yes, the BBL is still there." — George Jonkel gives us the annual report from the Bird Banding Laboratory. Carl Buchheister, banquet speaker, shares the delights of New England's Matinicus Rock. Chris Rose accepts the welcome for EBBA. Jim Seamans accepts the welcome for NEBBA.

Bottom row, left to right: Claudia Wilds answers questions after a delightful slide lecture on Antarctica. Sally Laughlin shares her banding experiences in Vermont. Bob Whitcomb shares his theories on fragmented forests with us. Hannah Suthers discusses her neighborhood Starlings.



Left, top to bottom: Molt workshop in session. "Getting to know you!" Paul Woodward explains his work at McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area. Banders share techniques at the Adventure Banding Station.

Right, top: "Good luck, Ted," says Chris Rose as he relinquishes his presidency to Ted Beckett — with Fred Schaeffer former *EBBA News* editor looking on.

Right, center: Peter Pyle — winner of the bird quiz for the second year. Kathy Klimkiewicz, local committee chairman, breathes a sigh of relief as the meeting comes to a successful close.

Right, bottom: Margaret Donald, Bander-in-Charge at Adventure, brings a bird back to show Glen Mahler, second-prize winner in the bird quiz.

handed the Presidents' Book to the President-elect, Ted Beckett. Both EBBA and NEBBA presidents thanked the local committee and I in turn thanked my committees and their chairmen. The banquet speaker, Carl Buchheister, delighted us with his "Leach's Storm Petrels of Matinicus Rock" — a fine ending to a nice day.

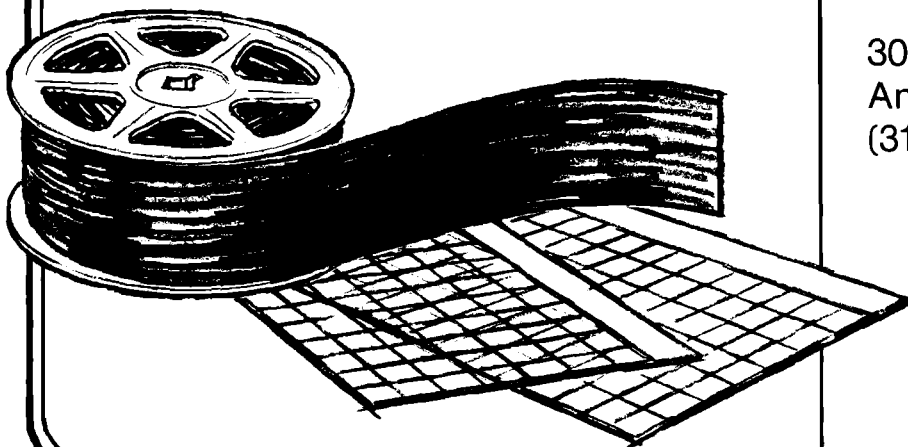
Sunday dawned cloudy and threatening, but this didn't dampen the spirits of the participants. Three field trips left the 4-H Center early that morning: (1) a tour of the Bird Banding Laboratory and Bottomland Forest; (2) visit to Adventure Banding Station; and (3) visit to McKee-Beshers Wildlife

Management Area. Local experts led the trips and this ended a busy but profitable weekend for the MABBG, EBBA, and NEBBA members and guests who were able to attend. We hope to see everyone at next year's meeting!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my local committees and the staff of Patuxent BBL for their hard work to make this meeting a success. Photographs were taken by Paul Jung, Bill Oberman, Isabel Tipton, Dave Holmes, Tom Mutchler and Ben Pagac.

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