The annual meeting of the Eastern Bird-Banding Association was held on Saturday, March 21, 1953, at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia (Penn.). The following officers were elected:

President: RAYMOND J. MIDDOWSTON,
131 N. Whitehall Road, Harriton, Pa.
First Vice-President: JOSEPH L. CLARKE, Johnson Court No. 1,
162 R. Johnson St., Philadelphia 44, Pa.
Second Vice-President: RICHARD G. BENDER, Cobbs Mill
Road, Route 1, Bridgeton, New Jersey
Third Vice-President: WILLIAM PEPPER,
20 East Hill's Hill Road, Philadelphia 18, Pa.
Secretary: FRANK P. VAUGHAN,
424 Highland Ave., Upper Montclair, New Jersey
Treasurer: MIKE MILLER,
111 M. Allen St., State College, Pa.

Council members elected for terms expiring 1956 are: JOHN L. BULL,
49 Norrell Road, Fair Rockaway, L.I., N.Y.; WILLIE C. ALLER, 45-04 158th St., Flushing, L.I., N.Y.; STEPHEN A. PULLEN, Dolsar Game Farm, Dolger, N.Y. Previously elected for terms expiring 1955 are: MRS. MAURICE BROWN,
Route 2, Hempstead, Pa.; ARTHUR H. JESS, 4924 Rock Spring Road, Arlington, Va.; and HERRA BLOOM & HENDRICK, 490 Fairfield Ave., Ridgewood, N.J.

Previously elected for terms expiring 1954 are: MRS. HARRIET B. TOOTH,
3018 M. Secon St., Harrisburg, Pa.; GUYLLE O. GROH, Chaco, Md.; and MRS. JOHN J. DAVIES, JR., 559 Grove St., Neway, N.J.

Albert A. Conway was reappointed Editor of EBBA News.
The following accounts of the annual meeting were kindly contributed by Mrs. Albert E. Conney and Mrs. Howard A. Holton. It is hoped that those who were not present at the meeting will get from them some small idea of the pleasure and education which those in attendance received from those meetings.

**SESSIONS OF SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

by June R. Conney

The two day annual meeting of B.B.A. began with a meeting of the Council. The outcome of this meeting was a decision to meet at Baltimore, Maryland, on April 3, 1934. Knowing the hazards of that area, as well as the proved ability of our President, I predict a "hang-up job" of preparation for the event, and unless you attend this year, you won't know what you will be missing unless you reserve the time and attend next year!

At the annual meeting, it was also decided to remount Albert E. Conney as Editor of B.B.A. News for an additional term.

Mollie Wood's paper, "Sage Gomex in Bobina," was the first to be heard in the open meeting. It proved not only scientifically informative but also of general interest. Considerable informal discussion of the subject took place at the several bands' stations visited on Sunday.

Frank Prater brought before the meeting a fine, illustrated discussion of Horntail Actors. Look for it to be published one of these days, perhaps in Birli Birding.

Mrs. John E. Deter, of Seneca, N.J., illustrated her talk on "Purple Finch Notch and Reclamation," here is a remarkable banding program for a suburban neighborhood. To hope to present some of these results in a future issue of B.B.A. News - Ed.

During Seth Low's interesting account of "Five Years of Banding at Stonew Broke Farm," his remarks were punctuated by the sudden collapse of a row of ancient chairs, along with a number of attentive listeners. After the commotion subsided, Mr. Low opened the meeting to questions.
VISITS TO BANDING STATIONS

by Elmer McIntee

Contrary to all weather predictions, Sunday turned out to be a beautiful warm spring day, and at nine-thirty the group staying in Philadelphia and those coming from other directions met at the home of Norman and Ilse Kuch in Penfield Dorns. The unusual thing about the Kuch banding station, conducted in a built-up suburban area, is that they not only their own yard but that of their neighbor, too. For of us are lucky enough to have neighbors tolerant of traps hidden here and there in their garden. After everyone had had time to inspect the traps—most, if not all, made by Norman Kuch himself—make notes, take pictures, and hunt up a White-winged Crossbill someone saw in the neighbor’s tree, the nine car caravan was guided over to Horace Grosskin’s home in Ardmore.

Mr. Grosskin, who has banded many hundreds of Purple Finches and Goldfinches, does most of his trapping with small single or double call Potter-type traps placed on the wall of his terrace just outside the house. That morning was no exception, and Mr. Grosskin had a number of birds in his traps to prove it. There, too, many pictures were taken, and everyone had a chance to observe too White-winged Crossbills eating on the feeder.

Next, the caravan made its way to Norristown, and here, at Raymond Biddleton’s, everyone—some thirty or more persons—had a good time roaming through the woods and gardens looking at his many traps. Here, of course, were several samples of the well-known ‘Biddleton thrash trap’, popular with many banders. All present had an opportunity, too, to see a little of the Biddleton’s egg farm. Here, in one of the units, eggs in all stages of development were seen—adults, young birds, newly hatched chicks, and eggs just cracking open.

By this time, everyone was getting hungry, and the delicious sandwiches, cake, and coffee served by the condition were more than welcome. If, by this time, the banders still hadn’t had time enough to see all they wanted to, this was a perfect opportunity to do so while sitting out on the porch in the warm sun eating lunch. No one ever seems to run out of things to say! It is this friendly exchange of information and ideas which makes these get-togethers so enjoyable. The fitting end to the weekend was a visit to the home of John James Audubon, “Mill Grove”, which is now being preserved as a sanctuary.

—Mrs. Howard G. McIntee, 350 Fairfield Ave., Haddonwood, New Jersey

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LIST OF GUESTS AND MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The following list of some fifty-one persons from seven states who attended is presented herewith chiefly to show those who did not attend how far many persons are willing to go to attend our meetings, and furthermore, many of these persons can be counted on year after year. The Editor has prepared this list from memory, and his apologies will be due to anyone whose name is inadvertently omitted.

CONNEEETBU: Mr. and Mrs. N. Alexander Borstam, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. R. Alexander Borstam, New Britain, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. William C. Bryan, New Britain, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Bynum, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cady, West Hartford, Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cavendish, West Hartf...
FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1952-53

Receipts
Balance from 1951-52 (as of March 29, 1952)................................. $489.16
Membership dues (including 44 sustaining memberships).................. 563.18
Sale of equipotent made by Dr. Geoffrey Hill................................ 5.50
Auction of photographs at annual meeting.................................... 6.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS: 1064.41

Disbursements
Publication of the NZNA NEWS.............................................. 406.41
Expenses of the Treasurer.................................................... 34.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: 443.91
Balance sheet
Total receipts.......................................................... 1064.41
Total disbursements.................................................. 443.91
Balance (as of March 21, 1953)........................................... $620.50

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Number of members gained........................................... 33
Number of members lost.................................................. 29
Number of members in the NZNA on March 21, 1953...................... 852
(13 of which are in arrears)

Morrill Wood, Pres.
March 21, 1953

REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

In the February issue, a request for information concerning foods used to attract various species of birds to feeding shelve and traps was presented Mr. John V. Dennis, Route 1, Box 576, Louisa, Va., in connection with a project book. Mr. Dennis now writes that he also would welcome information as well on any types of attractants used.

CURE OF YOUNG BIRDS

Last summer, Mrs. Edward J. McNitt (July issue, p. 5) wanted to know what could be done to stem the tide of fledglings brought to her by well-intentioned yet misinformed persons whom they should have been left with their parents. Mrs. Robert J. Army, 119 Eleventh Ave., Upper Montclair, N.J., agrees, in a letter to the Editor dated August 25, 1952, that Mrs. McNitt is dead right in her effort to educate children and others to leave the young birds where they are found. However, she also admits, despite the best efforts of this sort, there always will be some birds which will be brought to the bower or about which he or she will be asked for advice on feeding. Hence does not permit publication of all of Mrs. Army's interesting letter, but it seems to the Editor that comments on feeding are very pertinent at this time.

"Young birds thrive best on chopped lean meat and whole wheat bread, and a minimum of water. Raptors should have horse meat with feathers (from the poultry market) cut up fine and mixed in. Doves, jays, jays, and other omnivorous like can be fed dog food. Grated raw carrots should be added to the diet of all but birds of prey; it supplies calcium for bone and feather building.

"Soft grass is the best thing I have found for treating bruises, and wounds should be bathed with St. J. Above all, with young birds, avoid quilling."

Some other comments on feeding in general which Mrs. Army makes are of interest. Here are some: "I should like to see the small bidders get a little encouragement. Somehow the idea has gotten around that the numbers that count. Undoubtedly a lot of data are better than a little, but the back yard bidders' greatest contribution is not the scientific findings, it is that he stands in the position of an apostle teaching to all around him the beauty, the value, and the interest of all nature."

To this the Editor feels impelled to add that more of the bidders of large numbers of birds just for the sake of banding and chirping for the sake of recoveries does not, in his opinion, warrant the right to band. Banding should be regarded as means to an end, not as an end in itself."
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