

ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

October Newsletter October Meeting

The October meeting of the O.B.B.A. will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Westcott, 121 Glenvale Blvd., Toronto 17, on Tuesday, October 12, 1965 at 8.00 pm. It will be a Special General Meeting to discuss and ratify an increase in dues. After their meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1965 the executive wishes to propose that the annual dues of the O.B.B.A. be raised from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per year. This increase is necessary to meet the costs of publishing 'Ontario Bird Banding'.

It will be a Member's Night. Members are asked to bring slides of recent banding activities. If you are bringing slides let Bruce Westcott know at 489-6639.

September Meeting

The September meeting was held at Point Pelee, with Mr. and Mrs. Forest Dilling and Mr. and Mrs. Don Lee as hosts on Saturday, September 18, 1965 at 7.00 pm, with John. o. l. Roberts presiding. Unfortunately only 14 members were able to attend. Ruth Erickson presented a report on Bradley's Marsh - 2036 birds have been banded so far this year. They have acquired a camper trailer which greatly aids this operation. John Roberts reported that 450 hawks have been processed at Pelee thus far - this already exceeds last years total.

The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Tony Pierce, the Superintendent of National Parks in Ontario, who is extremely interested in the work of the P.P.B.O. Strong efforts are being made to have more of Point Pelee as a nature reserve. To accomplish this all privately owned land in the park is being purchased as it becomes available. There has been considerable progress made in land acquisition to date. Duck hunting will be terminated in due course and the marsh will be managed to produce a good population of waterfowl and other wildlife.

An important feature is the new nature center, which is now in the foundation stage. When completed it will contain nature exhibits, workshops and library - eventually it will be extended to include an auditorium. With the employment of two full-time naturalists trails will eventually be extended throughout the park radiating from the nature center to cover some 25 miles. The nature reserve is to be extended to include Tilden's Woods.

There will be other changes to facilitate various forms of outdoor recreation - such as a bicycle rental concession, enlarged camping grounds, etc.

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Secretary