

## ONTARIO BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

APRIL MEETING of the O.B.B.A. will be held at the home of Don Baldwin, Apt. 6, 1446 Yonge Street, Toronto, on Tuesday, April 10th, at 8:00 p.m. (Parking at Yonge and St. Clair subway) 1962

### REPORT OF MARCH MEETING

The March meeting was held at the home of John Roberts on Tuesday, March 20th. Ten members and guests were present.

Bill Wasserfall passed round a letter from Gordon B. Peterson of Detroit asking for advice in combating the annual destruction of tern nests in the vicinity of the water plant at Belle Isle. It is apparently alleged that the terns spread "germs", hence the destruction of the nests by employees of the water plant. A discussion followed of possible sources of technical help in refuting the allegation regarding "germs".

Bill Wasserfall also announced that he had received a letter from W.J. Schultz of the Canadian Wildlife Service noting the objections raised at the annual meeting of the O.B.B.A. to the new recovery advice form. Mr. Schultz stated that they are not satisfied with the form either and that improvements may be anticipated.

Dave Hussell reviewed briefly the status of the work at Long Point. A new four wheel drive vehicle is urgently needed. Efforts to raise the necessary funds are continuing.

### BANDING ON TORONTO ISLAND

The new station at the Island School of Natural Science is reported to have got off to an excellent start with over 300 birds taken as of April 2nd, including 6 saw-whet owls and two foreign recoveries - a Grackle and a Redwinged Blackbird. Assistance at weekends through April and May is needed. Interested banders should get in touch with either Terry Carr at the Island School or Don Baldwin at the Royal Ontario Museum.

### TITMOUSE INVASION

Reports of tufted titmice in Ontario continue. Any birds still remaining may stay to nest and should be deserving of close observation.

### INFORMATION FOR AUDUBON FIELD NOTES

Jim Woodford will be collecting information on the spring migration for Audubon field notes. He is particularly interested in data on number of species involved on peak migration dates and in estimates of numbers of birds of each species. Reports should be sent to him at the Royal Ontario Museum.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND DUES

Included with this mailing are 1962 O.B.B.A. membership cards for all paid-up members excepting a few who have already received cards. If you have not yet paid your \$2.00 annual dues please do so at once. This will ensure uninterrupted receipt of monthly bulletins.

O.B.B.A. CRESTS

Members are reminded that they may obtain the distinctive O.B.B.A. crests from the Secretary (Mr. J.O.L. Roberts, 62 Inglewood Drive, Toronto 7) upon remission of \$1.50 each.