

Ending Great Aid In Getting Dope On Birds

By JANE EADS
 WASHINGTON — (AP) — Banding is considered one of the most important methods of getting accurate information on living birds today. The U. S. Wildlife Service says the number of banded birds reported last 29 years totals more than 375,000 returns or records. Of this number more than 150,000 have been reported.

Reports are kept on file at the Research Refuge of Wildlife Service at nearby Md. The service issues per capita paid volunteer operators, most of the actual banding also provides the bands, bear serial numbers, one per bird. Oliver L. Austin, set up a banding station at Estham, Cape Cod, Mass., his vacation, banded more than 1,000 birds last summer. The birds were mostly terns nesting on various islands of the area. Of these birds have been in the West Indies and the Hawaiian Islands.

The hunting season is on and finding banded birds shot, dead are requested to send

in the full serial number on the band, with information as to where, when and how they found the bird. This gives Fish and Wildlife something to go on in studying the many kinds of native birds. During October and November this year some 5,002 records were received by the Service. Many of these listed more than one band.

Migratory waterfowl have been banded in large numbers at more than 150 stations and have been recovered as far south as the northern part of South America. Concentrating on getting more information on waterfowl, the government banded some 100,000 waterfowl—ducks, geese, tern—during the 12 months prior to the opening of the hunting season in September.

Small song birds have been banded in still greater numbers, and many interesting facts concerning their movements are discovered. Important scientific studies of populations, sex ratio, survival, temperature control, weight changes, plumage, bird psychology, homing instinct and other subjects have been and are being made by banding.

There was great excitement one day in 1944 in the bird-banding office when the American Embassy at Lima, Peru, reported bands had been found by Indians in the area. Records showed they originally had been placed on chimney swifts. The finding uncovered a great mystery—where the chimney swift makes its winter home.

Still a Hit



Broadway shows come and go but figure skater Sonja Henie seems to go on forever. In 12 previous visits to Madison Square Garden she has given 143 performances before 2,000,000 people.

Cop Never Carried Gun But Is Hero

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NEW YORK (UP)—The dream which comes to all policemen has come true for John Cordes, a slight-of-build detective who rose to fame behind a hard pair of fists and a quick, sharp mind.

John Cordes never carried a gun. Once he was shot by mistake by another police officer; he feared that some day he, too, might shoot a colleague in confusion.

Now, after 34 years of service on the New York City police force, Cordes, 59 and gray haired, has retired Jan. 1.

Fellow officers agree that Cordes made it the hard way.

In his years as detective Cordes twice won the coveted medal of honor, the police department's highest award. He also received a score of commendations from his superiors for outstanding bravery and intelligent police work.

Through Crime Era

Cordes' career as a detective began just before World War I and carried him through eras of some of the worst crimes New York has ever experienced. Bootleggers, racketeers and "mad dogs" seemed to be part of the every day news.

Gangsters invaded night clubs and showed their "artillery" almost in sight. And in one way or another Cordes was "always around."

He never looked like a cop. In a business where burliness is important, Cordes was comparatively little. And he bore none of the sartorial characteristics of cops in those days. That was how he came to be chosen for plainclothesman duty while still in police school.

It was an asset which enabled him to move in on gangsters and loiterers without giving them a tiltate advantage. Slight of build, sandy haired and nattily dressed, he looked the part of an enthusiastic salesman. Certainly, never a cop.

But Cordes was no dude. He beat the daylighters out of racket men; others never chose to fight—they simply went along peacefully. Others ducked him on sight.

Part of Team

For years Cordes was teamed with John Broderick, another detective now retired, who also had a great reputation as a fighter. Cordes, however, often chose a more diplomatic way of getting his man. Whatever the difference, the pair were known as Cordes and Broderick the Brawn.

Cordes had never planned to join the police force. As a teen age youth, he served as a hustler for a civil service school. He got \$25 a week and \$5 for every candidate he enrolled. One of the candidates bet \$100 that he couldn't take a police exam and pass it. Not only

Vatican Visitor



PRIME Minister of Eire, John Costello is shown on his way to an audience with Pope Pius in Rome. Premier Costello presented the Pontiff with a golden rosary during his Holy Year visit to Vatican City. His Holiness reciprocated with a bronze medal of the Madonna "Salus Populi Romani." (International)

did Cordes win the bet, but he led his class.

In his latter years, Cordes headed the Manhattan river front squad, a non-publicized agency whose job it is to hold down crime along the miles of the city's piers. On a beat where "toughs" abound by the dozen, Cordes never wore a gun.

He always figured to "outsmart" his man. He usually did.

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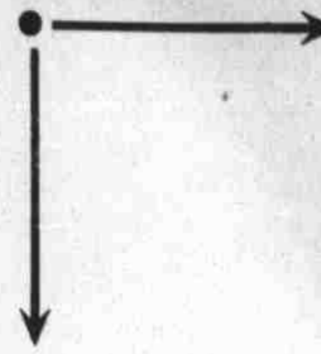
Michigan State's 1949-50 basketball team is being coached by Al Kircher, who is in his first year as cage mentor for the Spartans.

Yale has won the swimming championship seven of the last 12 seasons in the Eastern Intercollegiate League.

Brooklyn and Cincinnati were the only two National League teams never to drop into the cellar during the 1949 season.

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Stewart avoided "lead poisoning" so nimbly that next year he will celebrate his 92nd birthday. Stewart lived in Tincup, a Gunnison county gold camp, at the time it was noted for the high mortality rate of its law enforcement officers.

"There was rough young boys from all over the country, but they weren't really gunmen," the pioneer mining man said. "If they knew you had a gun, though, they often shot just to get in the first one. If you didn't carry a gun, nobody started shooting."

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