



#### EDITOR'S PAGE

Several copies of our July-August issue were returned to us without labels. If you are a subscriber who did not receive Volume 2, Number 4, please notify us, and we will send you your copy. Extra copies of this or of any earlier issue may be obtained from us at the rate of \$1.00 per copy.

There will be a boat trip for pelagics from Provincetown to Stellwagen Bank on Saturday, October 26, 1974. To join this trip, mail \$5.00 deposit NOW to the leader, Mr. Stephen Grindley, 6 Cedar Rd., Littleton, Mass., 01460, or call Mr. Herman D'Entremont (617) 969-8146. On the corresponding boat trip in 1973, species seen included Common Puffin, Razorbill, Dovekie, and Leach's Storm-Petrel.

Are you plagued by birds smacking into one of your picture windows? S. Dillon Ripley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D.C., ornithologist and well-known author of bird books, has invented a black-vinyl sticker silhouette of a diving falcon to paste on that window; it will effectively prevent collisions in the future. Dr. Ripley calls his invention the "Shoo Bird," and it is available for \$1.50 plus 50 cents handling from the

Smithsonian Museum Shops  
Museum of Natural History  
Washington, D.C., 20560.

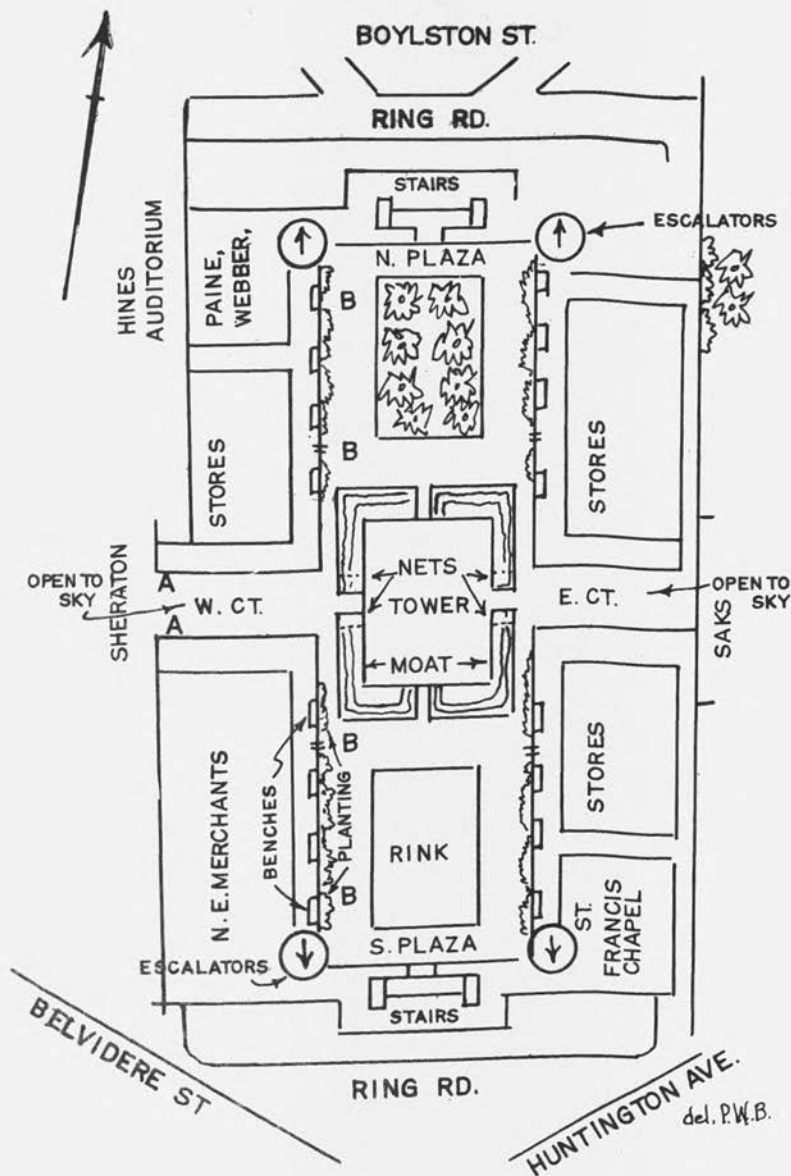
One of the largest single efforts in North America to insure the future of wildlife ---the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp program---is being expanded this year to encourage citizens outside the hunting community to participate, according to Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior. The duck stamp is a revenue stamp required of every duck hunter 16 years of age or older, but conservationists of all persuasions can make a solid contribution to wildlife preservation by buying the stamp for five dollars at their local post office. The revenue thus generated goes directly into the purchase of lands for waterfowl nesting, resting, and wintering.

Since 1934 over two million acres of land have been purchased with duck stamp revenues. Average annual receipts now total about \$11 million, and in the last three years alone, over 360,000 acres have been set aside for wildlife. At present, acquisitions are centered in the "prairie pothole duck factory" region of the north-central United States. Massachusetts birders should remember, however, that both Plum Island and Great Meadows were purchased by means of funds generated by the sale of these stamps. We of the Commonwealth have every reason to support this program. BUY NOW!

Margaret F. Wood, of Ipswich, Mass., writes to BIRD OBSERVER:

"On Wednesday, September 11, 1974, some friends on North Ridge Road, Great Neck, Ipswich, were watching Purple Martins lined up on the telephone wires in front of their home. These friends have had Purple Martin houses for a number of years and have had many Purple Martin families. This day one male Purple Martin fell off the wire and landed on their lawn--dead. Later in the day, two female Purple Martins did the same thing...North Ridge Road is one of the streets fogged weekly with malathion and fuel oil. I have seen the fog blown directly into the Purple Martin houses while nesting was going on."

Near-by residents and visitors to the area should be alert to this pollution problem. Any dead bird found here should be taken to Massachusetts Audubon in Lincoln, Mass. If the finder cannot bring the specimen in immediately, it is advisable to freeze the body until the trip can be made.



A--Used to be excellent, poor since addition to hotel. Prior to 1974 I would free anywhere from one to thirty birds daily during migration season. The birds would come down the opening at West Court and then bang against the glass. They seemed unable to figure out that if they flew straight up they could escape.

B--The westerly side: by far, more birds on this side than on the easterly side.