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As we enter a new year it may be well to look ahead to see what problems may confront our Association during 1952. First of all, rising costs may make it difficult to continue the News in its present form. Those of you who enjoy it, and can afford to, can help by taking out sustaining rather than regular memberships. Our present method of printing is relatively cheap and the possible saving by going to straight mimeographing is small unless someone donates a lot of time and effort. This situation is not yet acute but it is a real potential problem for 1952.

An equally serious problem is that of developing interest in EBBA affairs on the part of more members. Items of interest have been contributed for the News by not more than fifty of our members. To them your Editor wishes to express his thanks; to the rest of the members a plea for some item of news interest. Surely there must be something about your stations, activities, or records that would interest and help the rest of us. Incidentally, news has been coming

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in very slowly for the last two months. At this rate your Editor will have to fabricate some or reduce the size of the News. Naturally, only the latter course of action can be considered.

So, in 1952 let us all resolve to help a little more in keeping the News active and interesting.

ANNUAL MEETING

Do not forget the annual meeting which will be on Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30, 1952. The Saturday meeting, which will be devoted to papers on banding and to the business of the Association, will be held in Room 419, Roosevelt Memorial Building, of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. A dinner is planned for Saturday evening. On Sunday there will be a field trip to some point of interest. We hope to have a good representation from among our New England friends and members this year - so plan to come. Also plan to send the title, an abstract if possible, an estimate of the presentation time, and a statement regarding projection equipment which might be needed, for your paper to President Groskin or to the Secretary. Do this as soon as you can so that we can advise all of you about the program well in advance of the meeting.

AVIAN ODDITY

This little item from "The Owl" may interest you. "What does a Flicker do when stung by a hornet? Kay Fetter had a nest of hornets in her stone wall and saw a rabbit go up there many times and often wondered if animals were ever stung by hornets. One day a Flicker dug around in the flower bed and all at once he got stung. He jumped up and down, all the time making quite a noise; then he turned over on his back as if he were in pain, gave his alarm cry, and shortly flew away."

CONTINUATION

The last issue contained a letter from Mrs. Robert A. Army, Upper Montclair, N. J. and mentioned that some of the drawings which she sent in of her traps would be in a future issue. Here