

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

In order that future issues of EBBA NEWS may appear soon, it is necessary that members supply the Editor with material. Soon after each issue appears, the Editor receives very complimentary letters from a half dozen or so of members saying how much they enjoy EBBA NEWS. While this may be very flattering, it must be kept in mind that the quality of this publication depends on the quality of the material submitted for publication rather than on the capabilities of the Editor. Therefore, if EBBA NEWS is to continue to be an interesting and worthwhile publication, it is imperative that additional material be sent to your Editor.

In the last issue, it was announced that mail for the Editor should henceforth be addressed to the Editor at Route 4, Easton, Pa., rather than to Lafayette College, since the Editor is no longer associated with that institution. Despite this notice, mail continues to be addressed to Lafayette, resulting in a delay in reaching the proper location.

The Blue Jay symposium, delayed for many months by the paucity of material relating to this species, will appear soon. If any members have additional material on this species, send it to Mrs. Albert E. Conway, Route 4, Easton, Pa.

A symposium on the Song Sparrow will be prepared by Mr. Homer F. Farrand, 7 Guest Lane, Wilmington 3, Delaware. Material relating to this interesting species should be sent to Mr. Farrand by October 1. Reference to the previous symposia on Juncos, White-throats, and Robins, will give you an idea of what to submit.

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## IN DEFENSE OF THE STARLING

by Rev. Garrett S. Detwiler

The March-April issue of EBBA NEWS was the most welcome part of a whole batch of mail received the other day. In accordance with my custom, I sat right down and read the issue from cover to cover.