



THE  
PRESIDENT'S  
COLUMN

To those who elected me to office, I say "thank you" for your confidence in me. I will do my best for EBBA.

The Annual Meeting at Cape May was a success. The local committee, under the direction of George Hitchner, set the stage well for this

meeting. The workshop committee, under the leadership of Mary Rebecca Cregar, set up a real school on banding. The scientific papers read gave evidence to banding as a tool to learning and enjoyment of nature. We have gone home inspired to be better banders and better contributors to research. Maybe this will be the year of a "break-through" to some new and needed knowledge, gained through bird banding.

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#### EBBA'S NEW OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

**President:** MERRILL WOOD, 811 N. Allen St., State College, Pa. Mr. Wood is well known to EBBA members as an "old timer" in banding; he also served as EBBA's Treasurer for many years.

**1st Vice President:** Rev. GARRETT S. DETWILER, 285 Roseville Ave., Newark, N. J. Now in charge of a Baptist Home in Newark, Mr. Detwiler used to band huge numbers of blackbirds in southern New Jersey.

**2nd Vice President:** JOHN R. GIVEN, RFD 1, Croton Ave., Peeskill, N. Y. Mr. Given, a very active member and Operation Recovery participant, has also served as 3rd Vice President and Secretary of EBBA.

**3rd Vice President:** RALPH K. BELL, RD 1, Box 142, Clarksville, Pa. Mr. Bell has served on the EBBA Council; an ingenious trapper of Crows.

**Treasurer:** Mrs. STANLEY S. DICKERSON, 222 DeVoe Ave., Spotswood, N. J. No new officer, Mrs. Dickerson has been Treasurer since 1956, carefully shepherding the finances of EBBA in its period of greatest expansion - and she still finds time for Operation Recovery!

**Secretary:** Miss DOROTHY L. BORDNER, 926 W. Beaver Ave., State College, Pa. Dorothy Bordner has been EBBA NEWS' Art Editor for several years - and still is, between banding Evening Grosbeaks and teaching.

**New Council Members:** WILLIAM PEPPER, 20 E. Bells Mill Rd., Phila. 18, Pa. Another "old timer" who has often served EBBA in many capacities.

ALBERT SCHNITZER, 155 Wild Hedge Lane, Mountainside, N. J. Mr. Schnitzer runs his own Operation Recovery station in Maine (see p. 105) as well as participating at Island Beach.

Mrs. JOHN C. SCHMID, 24 Bowman Drive, Greenwich, Conn. Mary Schmid is best known to members as originator of the EBBA NEWS Index.