

## HURRAH FOR THE EBBA LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGE!

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As a wanderer, first in India, then South Africa, now Trinidad, and in the future Who Knows Where, I was delighted to read in Ebba News that a class of life membership had been approved at the last annual meeting. To me this affords a great convenience, because each of my moves requires a series of letters to the various organizations in which I have interests, and inevitably one or more of the associations get things fouled up to the point where I am dropped from their mailing lists.

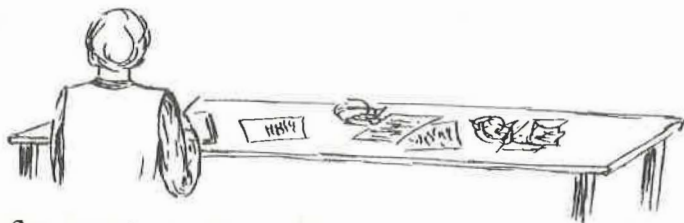
My check for \$100.00 to Treasurer Elise Dickerson was evocative of an appreciative letter, for it seems that to date only she, Frank Frazier and I have crowded around the Life Membership desk. However, Elise made it clear that EBBA delegates had not voted for this class of membership just to make life easier for one of their former officers -- Me -- who now happens to watch birds where the banks deal in Rupees, Rands or West Indian Dollars. Quite unconsciously I had contributed to a most admirable intranational project of EBBA, and the marvel to me is that, in my removed station, I still had a chance to become No. 3 on the life membership rolls.

The significant appeal of the present EBBA financial program is that the life membership scheme is not designed simply to fatten its treasury. After all, what can EBBA do with more money -- put out EBBA NEWS in color? Elise informed me that all life membership dues will be placed in a special fund, "the income of which will be the principal from which we hope to award a small stipend annually to a student using banding as a part of his thesis."

Well! This is one of the best things I have heard in years. (Our motto used to be (and still is), "Let Us Band Together," If we can now foster and promote banding studies by our imminent inheritors, we can claim truly to have become substantial and responsible parents.

Life Membership thus is not merely a personal convenience but, without extra pain, a concrete contribution to our beloved science of bird banding. Line to the Treasurer forms from all directions!

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Can you do a paper for the next Annual Meeting?  
(See the "call for papers" on page 177)