

*The  
President's  
Message*



As we enter the new year we look around where we are going. While the annual meeting is away down in early June, now is the time to plan to attend. If you have never been to an annual E.B.B.A. meeting, this is the year to do it. Also, if you have never been on the program, this could be the time for you. We would like to hear what you have to say.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR is the E.B.B.A. wish for you.

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**NEW LOOK AND NEW FEATURES**

The reception by members of the change of format for our front cover, first appearing in last year's July-August issue, was so favorable that we were emboldened to make a change in the tops of the inside pages. We believe the new style will bring us up to date and make it easier for members to locate articles in which they are interested.

Two new features appear for the first time in this first issue of 1964: A Book Review Department with Mabel Gillespie as Book Review Editor, and A Bird Bander's Diary by Ralph K. Bell.

Our new Book Review section is not intended to cover the ornithological field, since this is thoroughly done by Bird Banding and other periodicals, but will mention books and articles both new and old that are of particular interest to banders. Mrs. Gillespie will welcome brief reviews prepared and sent to her by EBBA members for publication in this section.

Ralph Bell, EBBA's third vice president, is no more a stranger to these pages than Mrs. Gillespie. His fine articles on banding Crows, Purple Martins, etc., have been outstanding contributions to our knowledge. You will like his first "Diary" in this issue and look forward to many more to come. Carol Hand, of East Liverpool, Ohio has done the heading for this new feature.