



Various readers of EBBA News have sent us letters recently praising, among other features, Ralph Bell's "Diary", the book review section edited and largely written by Mabel Gillespie, Dorothy Bordner's drawings, and Chan Robbins' article on warbler identification. We are in the most enthusiastic agreement. But we'd

like, also, to get letters suggesting improvements in EBBA News. While an editor learns much from what readers like, on the other hand much benefit can be derived from thoughtful criticism that points out what is lacking or what needs bettering.



Dorothy Pallas, of Wood-Ridge, N.J. writes: "Banded birds at the feeders are always a frustration, but today's was especially so. A male Yellow-headed Blackbird was here just long enough for a good view of a shiny band on his left leg. A large bird, much chunkier than the other blackbirds."



Carol Rudy gets the Illustration Contest Award this issue for her drawings and headings which have been setting off Ralph Bell's "Diary" since its inception two years ago.



Elise Dickerson, EBBA's treasurer, has all the back issues of The Ring, international banding publication, from 1958 through 1960 (all previous issues sold out and out of print), available at \$2 per year, or \$6 for the whole set of 12 issues.



In addition to Eva and Albert Schnitzer's account of their bird trip to Iceland, the next issue of EBBA News will include an article on clap nets (to be reprinted from The Ringers' Bulletin, a study and comparison of two banding stations by Selden James Spencer, and an article by T. A. Beckett on parallel net sets.



Deadline for the May-June issue is May 17. Members who have pictures, article or news they would like to see published should send in their material as far in advance of that date as is feasible.



Come to the Annual Meeting at Ocean City, Maryland if you possibly can. . . .meet fellow banders. . . .talk over common problems and get many answers to them. . . .enjoy (and learn from) papers and the workshop sessions. . . .and, by all means, buttonhole the editor and tell him what EBBA News needs. . . .

