



It was with sadness and regret that I learned of Elise Dickerson's death. At first, word of her heart attack in May was shocking, but then news of a satisfactory recovery was very encouraging, only to be followed by her unexpected passing on June 16. To the very end, her devotion to her task as treasurer never wavered. While her attack mandated that she give up banding and driving, she wanted no part of relinquishing her service to EBBA.

That service as treasurer began in 1956. Since then, it has involved many self sacrifices on her part and a dedication to EBBA that is rare.

She saw EBBA come through perilous hand-to-mouth financial years to a position of more adequate financial status. She saw its publication grow from 16 pages per issue to over 50 per issue; its membership increase from 276 to near 700. She saw EBBA grow in stature. This, I am sure, pleased her, because EBBA was very dear to her. More importantly, not only did she see this happen; she helped it happen, by doing more than her share. Her example is one that many in our ranks should dare to emulate.

One of her most intense interests within EBBA was the Memorial Grant Fund. Due to her devoted service to EBBA and especially to this fund, it is only fitting and proper that she be honored by this fund. Therefore, I have named the 1970 Memorial Grant Fund scholarship award to the Manomet Bird Observatory, "The Elise M. Dickerson Scholarship". EBBA will miss her, but will not forget all that she contributed to its upbringing.

Those of you who wish to further the purposes of the Memorial Grant Fund, and wish to acknowledge the service that Elise Dickerson gave to EBBA, may wish to make contributions in her memory by making checks payable to the EBBA Memorial Grant Fund and sending them to the editor. Frank P. Frazier, Jr. is temporarily handling EBBA's finances. Council is in the process of appointing a new treasurer. It is expected that by the time this issue reaches you, a new treasurer will be duly installed.

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