



EDITOR'S
NOTES

The purpose of this column, started with a treatise on the proper submission of manuscripts in the previous issue, is to give the editor the opportunity to speak to you.

When I took over EBBA News, there was about one week left before the issue had to be prepared. As such, I had no time to properly plan the layout. Now, having had two months to think about it, I have formulated some plans to enhance the quality of the publication.

At the annual meeting, there has been much talk about a communications gap, between the organization of EBBA and its members. This gap can narrow, if there will be more audience participation in EBBA News. I've planned a total of four projects which depend on your cooperation for their success.

A. Review Board. There are a growing number of members engaged in serious and sometimes professional field research. These people are not properly represented in the scope of the News. We hope to be able to publish at least one scholarly paper in each issue. To evaluate such papers, we will have a review board, consisting of two highly qualified people (I will be the third member of the board). They are: Mr. Donald S. Heintzelman, Curator of Natural History, New Jersey State Museum, and Dr. Donald M. Cooper, Professor at the City College of New York. Both are EBBA members, avid banders and have a deep interest in serious ornithological research.

B. Atlantic Flyway Review. I believe it to be poor policy if an editor writes a major portion of his magazine. As such, other people will contribute to this column. Normally some 40 stations contribute fall station reports. These will be divided in six (corresponding to the six issue of EBBA News, per year) by general characteristics and each of the six areas will be reviewed by a regional coordinator. For further information, please see this issue's AFR.

C. Recovery Information. Up to now, we have attempted, with some success to list recovery information sent to us. We will continue to do so, but hope certain individuals who specialize in certain families of birds, will take over the review for those families. As such, Dr. K. W. Prescott will be pleased to summarize, analyze and prepare for publication in EBBA News, recovery and official return data on Mimidae (Catbird, Mockingbird and Brown Thrasher) and Thraupidae (Scarlet and Summer Tanager). He has been collecting data on these species for years and in this way, we can provide him with additional data, while he can evaluate and analyze this data for the News, authoritatively. Other banders interested in a similar arrangement, should contact me.

D. Trap Symposium. We will publish a review of trap designs in '71. Details will be in the November-December issue of 1970.

The above projects are designed to further enhance the quality of EBBA News and its research value. Other suggestions will be gladly considered.

Editor