

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With this Bicentennial issue, we begin our 53rd year of activity. It is with mixed feelings that I inform you that by a slim majority, the Council and Officers moved to suspend EBBA NEWS as we currently know it, and to combine our Journal with the Western Bird Banding Association under the title NORTH AMERICAN BIRD BANDER, to be published and mailed from Cave Creek, Arizona. Mr. Ed Johnson, our publisher for the past 19 years, has kindly consented to continue on as a Technical Advisor to the Editor and to the Publications Committee as we venture into this project.



Ed has shared and guided the work of three Editors and eight EBBA Administrations during this time! On behalf of the membership, I express our very sincere THANKS to Mr. Johnson for his dedication.

In order to lend continuity to our mailing service and since we have the larger membership of the two organizations, Ruth Rose will carry on as Circulation Manager. With the cost of mailing on the increase, I would remind the members that your journal costs approximately 95 cents to produce and 5 cents to bulk mail...BUT, when you FAIL to notify us of your change of address, the Postal Service charges us + 36¢ to return and salvage your journal for re-mailing. Please help us to keep the increasing number of "returned" journals down!

From the President's desk: Willie J. Parker, F & W Svc., Agent-in-charge, Fort Campbell area, informs me that only one of the 150 "Black-bird" bands recovered was from EBBA territory (N.Y.). The majority of the birds were from IBBA territory.

This is a reminder that our next Annual Meeting will be combined with North Eastern Bird Banding Association at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, April 9-11, hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Bird Banding Group.

Mr. Ray Middleton has consented to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1976. Thanks, Ray!

In reviewing a letter from Dorothy Foy, our Historian, I note that the Traveling Albums were placed in circulation last May - please remember to return them to her for display at the Annual Meeting and Workshop in April.

The Audubon Society has referred to EBBA a Peace Corps worker from Malaysia, asking for assistance in carrying out a bird banding project in that region. We have also received several letters from recent graduates seeking jobs or banding experience. Dr. Bert Murray informs me that to date, we are awaiting the first application for the Memorial Grant. I urge you to support this worthwhile effort - please bring this grant to the attention of the student banders assisting in your "operations".

I extend best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all members.

Chris N. Rose, Sr., President