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From the President

NABB has now gone through a full year of publication. There have been minor problems that the Editors have had to overcome. The members of both associations should be proud of the dedicated efforts of both Editors in making the journal such a success.

One of our major problems, which has brought complaints, is the time lag between the paying of a new membership and receiving of the first copy of the journal. Several factors have brought this about and corrective steps have been made to decrease this time lag.

As Charlie Collins pointed out in a recent President's Message, it is indeed unfortunate that EBBA and WBBA are so far apart that a joint meeting is not possible. Banders never fail to acquire some new information when they have the chance to visit and discuss their projects and methods with other banders. NABB does serve the purpose of spanning the continent and allowing

the combined membership to learn what species are most frequently encountered and the various studies underway.

It is my belief that a "Letters to the Editor" section might serve a useful purpose in a portion of NABB. It would also relieve the president of some letter writing regarding the questions of banders, such as who is working with a certain species, methods of capture, and other information our members desire. It can be readily seen that most letters would have to be closely edited to save space.

I want to urge all members to try to attend our annual meeting at Cape May on April 1, 2, and 3. I can assure all who make the trip that, as usual, they will enjoy meeting old and new friends and have a chance to discuss their projects with others in their particular fields of interest.

See you at Cape May.

T.A. Beckett III

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Rescue operation

I should like to commend the four members of EBBA who have been instrumental in spearheading a feeding program for the starving waterfowl along the East Coast.

During the disastrous winter that the East Coast has been experiencing, Dottie and Roger Foy, and two new banders — Dee and Pete Polisse — have launched a program to save the waterfowl through a feeding program supported by public contributions. The program has undoubtedly saved many birds from starvation and from freezing to death.

These people are to be congratulated for their efforts. (Ed.)

Yearly summary

Any members of EBBA wishing to take part in a sharing of their yearly summaries of bird banding (see NABB 1:2, page 91, for WBBA's report) are invited to send their 1976 summaries to Richard Poulin, 254 Cooper St., Basement Apt., Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0G4, for use in an EBBA report analysis.

Who Is . . . ?

Our secretary, Elva Hawkens, is a home-maker married to a terminal operator and the mother of three fledglings. Although all in her family are interested in the out-of-doors, none of the others are bird enthusiasts.

Elva is currently the Vice-President and Education Chairman of the Broome County Naturalist's Club which is active in guiding nature hikes, setting up nature trails, leading bird-song classes, identifying edible wild foods, and giving bird-banding demonstrations. This club has been active in cataloging wetlands for inclusion in New York State Wetland Protection Law.

Now in her sixth year of banding, Elva's chief interest is whether the number of species and/or the number of individual birds will vary greatly as the area changes from farmlands to a busy residential suburb of Binghamton, NY. She has banded about 1500 birds a year and recently added the 100th bird species to her records.