

CONCERNING THE ANNUAL MEETING

In the last several issues of EBBA NEWS, your attention has been called to the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Bird-Banding Association which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4. Your officers hope that you will be able to be there.

At the moment, final plans for the meeting are not available, although it is hoped that the January-February issue which should reach you about March 15th at the latest will contain complete information. However, President Raymond Middleton writes to say that there will be a meeting of the Council at 9:30 Saturday morning, an hour before the stated program which will begin at 10:30. Since the task of writing to each of the nine council members and three other officers is rather time consuming, he hopes that this will serve as notice to those concerned.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

In response to the requests in the last two issues of EBBA NEWS, your Editor has received an encouraging number of contributions. Even so, it would be desirable to build up even a greater backlog than currently exists, since actually we are trying to catch up with the calendar and get back on a current basis. Thanks to the members whose contributions will appear in the next few issues, this now seems to be feasible. We are especially in need of longer articles representing more serious studies of various problems.

Thanks to a substantial increase both in the number of members and in the ranks of those who have taken out sustaining memberships, we are able to have EBBA NEWS, beginning with this issue, reproduced by the photo-offset process rather than by mimeographing. This will enable us to use not only line drawings but also photographs, provided the latter are glossy prints with reasonably sharp contrast. The cover of the last two issues was produced by the photo-offset process, and this same cover will be used through the March-April issue, after which it will be altered to show the new officers and council members.

One problem which has vexed the Editor for some time is that

postal authorities do not consider mimeographed material to come under the scope of second class mail; indeed, they consider it to be first class, the same as a personal communication. This is why it is necessary for your editor to pay first class postal rates on single copies which he mails out to those who have changed their addresses, to new members, etc. Perhaps more serious than this situation is the fact that many scientific authorities do not consider material which has appeared in EBBA NEWS to have been published, hence the omission of bibliographic references to articles in EBBA NEWS in such ornithological journals as THE AUK, WILSON BULLETIN, and BIRD-BANDING. In as much as material reproduced by the photo-offset process seems to constitute publication, in the technical sense of the word since printing is done from plates, your Editor hopes that EBBA NEWS may be given proper recognition in ornithological circles.

If this recognition should come to pass, it is hoped that more contributors will avail themselves of our facilities. Furthermore, if contributors would like reprints of their papers, it would seem quite likely that these could be obtained at moderate cost upon request.

Should it come to pass that EBBA NEWS would be regularly cited in various ornithological journals, it might prove desirable to restrict the first portion of each issue to more or less serious papers, with the latter part being devoted to notes and news, comments, and informal letters, all of which are features which we certainly want to continue. In other words, it is the belief of the Editor that original and significant contributions made in these pages should achieve proper recognition in so far as publication is concerned, yet at the same time he is mindful of the fact that many members like the relatively informal aspects of the publication.

If you have any comments concerning the above, we shall be very happy to have them. * * *

TWO ADDITIONAL SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Merrill Wood, reports that the following persons are to be added to the list of sustaining members for 1954:

Joseph A. Hines

Carl M. Montgomery