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EBBA'S PRESIDENT,  
SETH H. LOW, SAYS: A most successful annual meeting at Ramsey, N.J., on April 12-13 was a fitting tribute to two progressive years under the leadership of Dr. Paul H. Fluck. It was particularly noteworthy as the largest gathering of bird banders, just over 100, ever to attend any meeting (not excluding the AOU, WOS, and COS) in North America.

Our Treasurer has included in her report a summary of our membership gains and losses. This past year we had a net gain of 27 members and, as of April 5, 1958, the membership was 329.

This gain during a period of recession together with the fact that EBBA leads the four regional Banding Associations in membership would suggest that we are in healthy shape. Closer examination of the financial and membership reports will reveal that such is not the case.

Dues were sufficient to cover the costs of publishing and distributing EBBA NEWS thanks to 56 Sustaining Members. However, other costs would have eliminated any profit for the year had they not been offset by contributions, advertising, sale of back issues, and profits from nets and squeeze-clips.

In two respects our membership is in the same boat as that of the other three regional associations. Less than 50% of the active banders in EBBA's region are members. Almost 20% of our members reside in the other regions. Were it not for those banders who belong to two or more of the Associations, all of the Associations would be in difficulties!

Thus, we could double our membership from licensed banders within our own region. Let's try to enroll at least half of these this year! In keeping with the policy of publishing our membership roll every other year, a new list does not appear in this issue. However, the membership has changed very little in the past year. Refer to your May-June 1957 issue and note the banders in your area whose names do not appear. Take a moment now to telephone them or drop them a line.

Why have so many banders from other regions joined EBBA? Without doubt the major reason is our fine bi-monthly publication, EBBA NEWS, in which has appeared so much excellent, informative and worthwhile

material during the past two years. We can all show our appreciation and improve our publication still further by contributing plenty of material to our Editor.

The small profit from the sales of mist nets represents a large amount of effort, time, telephone calls, and trips to Customs offices in New York City on the part of Mrs. Eleanor Dater. Present nets are of better quality and cost more to import. Your Council, feeling that Mrs. Dater would be operating on too close a margin, has raised the price of nets to \$2.50 for Active Members and \$2.00 for Sustaining Members. No nets of equivalent quality and length are available from any other source for less.

Whether building large traps for ducks, crows or vultures or small ones for White-throats and Juncos, squeeze-clips with the special applicators and cutters constitute the easy, fast, and efficient method. These are obtainable from our very capable treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Dickerson.

This issue contains a report of the 1958 Annual Meeting at Ramsey, New Jersey. We particularly call your attention to the financial statement; it is a real tribute to the planning and efficiency of Mrs. Eleanor Dater and her local committee. The total cost of the meeting was just 35 cents; a real achievement!

To summarize, YOU can help your Association this year by:

- a) Increasing your membership from Active (\$2.00) to Sustaining (\$5.00).
- b) Enrolling additional banders as members.
- c) Buying your nets from Mrs. Eleanor Dater.
- d) Obtaining your squeeze-clips, pliers, cutters, etc. from Mrs. Stanley Dickerson.
- e) Providing your editor, Frank P. Frazier, with material for a bigger and better EBBA NEWS.
- f) Giving your Officers and Council for the new year the benefit of your views, suggestions, and criticisms.

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HORACE GROSKIN, FORMER EBBA PRESIDENT, DIES AT 82

Horace Groskin, president of the Eastern Bird Banding Association from 1950 to 1954, died April 19, 1958. Mr. Groskin, whose banding station at his home in Ardmore, Pa. was visited by many banders, had banded more than 22,000 birds and was noted for his articles and papers on ornithological and other scientific subjects. \*\*\*