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EBBA NEWS is published six times a year by the Eastern Bird Banding Association. Applications for membership should be forwarded to the Treasurer. The dues: Active Members \$2 per year; Sustaining Members \$5.



About the time you receive this issue of EBBA NEWS you will also receive a dues notice from the Treasurer. This notice has no new message. Active membership is two dollars and Sustaining is five dollars. We want to keep it that way. There is only one place to make a change. That is in

your status if you are not a Sustaining Member. A five-dollar membership entitles you to buy nets at cost.

We now have over 100 such members. In 1957 the number was so small that it isn't worth mentioning, and it was declining. At that time the Council decided to initiate the selling of nets at cost to Sustaining Members. In 1958 the Council was so pleased with the increase in Sustaining Memberships that it invested \$250 in a revolving fund for nets. That initial investment has been repaid and three hundred dollars from the net fund has been made available for increasing the size of EBBA NEWS. The net account is now a self-sustaining enterprise.

Rather than make a profit on the sale of nets, we want Sustaining Members. This is true, and we hope that the net program will continue to keep our dues at the two-dollar level.

However, it is most desirable to increase the number of Sustaining Memberships so that the finance committee can make firm commitments for the year 1961-1962. So far this year, each issue of EBBA NEWS has run 32 pages. Next year, perhaps this number can be increased. The Fraziers like to spend their weekends editing (and banding on the run -- Eds.) -- let's make them happy by giving them material and money for the job.

Who will be the 150th person to become a Sustaining Member - and who

will be the 600th member? Both these people will be rewarded if it happens before the 1962 Annual Meeting. I can't vouch for the generosity of the next President - so hurry, you Active Members, and get on the Sustaining list. Ask some of your bird-watching friends to join EBBA. They may catch the fever and become banders.

Mail your five dollars by return mail when you get your dues notice. Promptness is a good habit to acquire. It is like being on time for an appointment. Do you know we are the largest bird banding association in America? Let's keep it that way!

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## BEHIND THE EBBA DOLLAR

At the Council meeting held on April 21, 1961 at East Stroudsburg State College, some new rules were passed concerning membership and dues payment. Previously, "dues notices" had been mailed out on November 1st, expecting payment prior to the following January 1st. All members whose dues were not paid by the following April 1st were removed from the rolls and taken off the EBBA NEWS mailing list.

All of us procrastinate occasionally and there were many members who paid up during April, May, June and July, thereby costing your Association the postage of subsequent dues notices (16¢) plus the cost of reinstating the member and making a new address plate (11¢). These sums seem to represent a very small amount until one recalls that EBBA runs very "close to the wall", and these expenses mount up.

Our wonderful publication EBBA NEWS costs us \$2.15 plus, per member, annually. Other expenses come to 42¢ per member annually, so that our Active membership dues are inadequate, and our Sustaining members have so far enabled the Association to refrain from raising the Active membership dues. Aside from some small sums raised through advertising and the sale of Squeeze-Klips and back issues, our only source of income is through our membership dues.

Therefore, loyal EBBA members can help very materially if each will consider carefully, (1) is it at all possible for me to change from an Active to a Sustaining membership? - and, (2) I will pay my dues promptly when the first notice is received, thereby making unnecessary the following four additional dues notices and the reinstatement costs.

The new rules provide that dues notices shall be mailed out on the first of October of each year, and delinquent members will be removed from the rolls on the following March 1st. Please help your Treasurer keep your Association in good financial condition by prompt payment of dues.

Mrs. Stanley S. Dickerson, Treasurer

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