

President's Message, continued...

The initial intent was to double the volume of information while reducing publishing costs for both associations. There still remains a number of functional details which must be resolved before the project becomes viable. Chief among these is holding the cost down on such a venture, coordinating the efforts of the Editors and the Journal format. For those of you who are unfamiliar, WBBA publishes an 8½"x11" journal. I note, that EBBA converted from this larger size to its present format 6½"x8½" "shelf" format around 1951.

EBBA has a great deal to contribute to this merger! We have the considerable experience of Ed Johnson, our publisher. Ed has been producing EBBA NEWS for the past 19 years, working with three Editors during this period.

Most important, Fred Schaeffer has accepted the mandate of the Council...to carry on his fine work as Editor! Fred has done most of the preliminary "fact gathering" on the GJJ (Great Journal Joining) to date. An even greater task and responsibility falls to him if the merger of Journals is to become a reality.

.....Your suggestions, comments and support are essential.

Christopher N. Rose, President, 98 Lopez Road, Cedar Grove, N.J.07009

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We welcome on our Staff, Mr. Robert J. Pantle. Bob has accepted the post of ADVERTISING MANAGER and he will manage all the affairs dealing with revenue producing advertising under the direction of the Editor, the Publications Committee and Council. His address: 35 Logan Hill Road, R.D. #1, Candor, N.Y. 13743.

Further, we welcome Robert C. Dewire. Bob Dewire is not new to EBBA NEWS. He has been, and will continue to coordinate one of the AFR regions for us. His new duties are on our newly established Editorial Board. The post of Co-Editor has been abolished in preparation for the GJJ. Mr. Harvey Farber has also joined the Editorial Board. Other appointments to this Board are still pending.

Editor

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EBBA's 53rd Annual Meeting will be held jointly with NEBBA the second weekend in April 1976 (April 9-11) at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, just outside of Washington D.C. The center's food service, meeting rooms and accommodations are adequate for all. Tentative plans include field trips, workshop and paper sessions. Friday: Open house and your of Bird Banding Laboratory and Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. Open House Bird Banding Lab. only on Sunday. Bi-centennial activities will be going on in the Washington area.

SPECIAL mailing with registration forms and details will be mailed the first week in January 1976 to all members of EBBA & NEBBA.