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Welcome to the following new members:

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We are indebted to Blanche E. Dean for use of the picture on our cover. It is from a cut in her recent book, *Let's Learn the Birds in Alabama*.

PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPHS

THIS number of our journal represents the first efforts of our new editor, Blanche H. Chapman. Your editor and president believe that Alabama Birdlife plays a big part in the vitality of the society. Except for an occasional newsletter, it is the only link with those who cannot attend our semi-annual meetings. It is my policy, therefore that the secretary report on every meeting and that the treasurer report once a year.

Three things make a good society periodical: good copy, money, and a good editor to put them together. The first requisite depends on you, but we hope through the regional correspondents that we have made it easier for you to contribute, especially for those who haven't the time, talent, or sufficient information for a full article. The possible establishment of certain regular features such as lists of birds seen at A. O. S. meetings or at Christmas counts will also ensure good copy. Proper copy for Alabama Bird Life consists of (1) original data on birds, and (2) the operation of the society.

The good editor is our responsibility. We shall do our best with the copy and the money we receive. I do ask that if you have any suggestions or criticisms of the journal, please exercise your membership privileges by letting us know about them.

Money is the final requisite, and this means, pay your dues. It is my aim at President to try to establish 4 good issues per year of Alabama Birdlife. Miss McTyeire's reports since 1954 show that in every year we have spent more money on printing Alabama Birdlife than we have received in dues!

So my plea is this: Send in your field notes, small items, full articles, anything you think will help make the bulletin more useful and interesting. Then, pay your dues so that we can afford to publish what you submit.

— Thomas A. Imhof

FALL MIGRATION MORTALITY, WAVERLY, ALABAMA

The Interstate Commerce Range Tower, Waverly, Alabama proved to be the site of mortality to a number of birds in fall migration. The days with drizzling rain and low hanging clouds seemed the worst for the migrating birds and the best days of tower mortality.

Following is a list of dates and specimens collected under the tower:

Oct. 17, 1959—Catbird-1, Wood Thrush-2, Olive-backed Thrush-1, Gray-checked Thrush-1, Red-eyed Vireo-2, Tennessee Warbler-3, Magnolia Warbler-3, Bay-breasted Warbler-1, Ovenbird-3, Yellow-breasted Chat-1, Redstart-1, Scarlet Tanager-1, Rose-breasted Grosbeak-1.

Oct. 18, 1959—Olive-backed Thrush-1.

The tower was checked thereafter when suitable conditions indicated that there might be mortality until migration slowed.

A number of other towers near Auburn were checked but only the one at Waverly seemed destructive to the birds. Its location on a high spot plus the fact that its guy wires were at the right angle to intercept migrating birds were probably the reason for its kills. — Julian L. Dusi

IN MEMORY OF SCOTT COBB BARCLIFF
DIED, BIRMINGHAM, SEPTEMBER 14, 1959