

Fifty Years Ago in *The Chat*—December 1958

E. Burnham Chamberlain published a paper titled *Bachman's Warbler in South Carolina* reporting on observations made of several Bachman's Warblers in I'on Swamp in 1950, 1951, 1952, 1955, and 1958. One of the 1950 birds was seen by a large group of people attending the spring CBC meeting. In 1958 photos and movies of Bachman's Warblers were taken, and one photo appeared on the cover of this issue of *The Chat*.

This issue carried a new revision of the club by-laws, and also the complete membership directory. In 1958 there were 1078 members, somewhat more than today's membership.

In General Field Notes, Kay Sisson (editor of *The Chat*) gave a detailed description of her sighting of a Long-tailed Jaeger at Pawleys Island, SC on 13 July 1958, the first report in the state for 50 years. John Funderburg reported seeing a Common Raven at Creswell, NC on 1 July 1958. He stated that there were two previous records from the NC coastal plain, near Beaufort in June 1892 and on Knotts Island near the VA state line in November 1931.

A brief report on the fall meeting at Charleston, 10–12 Oct 1958, states that 128 members and guests attended. Field trips observed 93 species.
— *Kent Fiala, editor*