

YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS-----

This is an auspicious event for the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs. In a few short years, we have come a long way. Since our very first meetings we all recognized one important project that was vital to initiate. That was a publication of our own, a publication by, and for the birders of New York State. Our dream has come true, thanks to the wonderful work of our first Editor, Allan Klonick, of Rochester. He and his assistants are to be highly congratulated, and the Federation owes them much. It is a big job to be an editor of a thriving publication, but the job is many times greater to set up a publication.

In addition to the expressions of thanks and congratulations which I wish to extend on behalf of my fellow officers and birders of New York State to Allan Klonick, I wish to emphasize similar thoughts to the co-operating workers who helped make this bulletin possible.

I especially wish to thank Miss Hazel Ellis, of Keuka Park for the great amount of preliminary work she did. She and her committee gathered facts and information as to type etc., of a publication the ornithologists of this state wanted.

We will now have a magazine of our own, devoted exclusively to the state of New York; its ornithology, birders, all types of birding activities, club news, and reports on conservation. I firmly believe that this publication will do much to enhance our Federation and its continued growth and expansion. It will fill a crying need of isolated ornithologists and individual members throughout the state.

I most sincerely hope that this bulletin will continue to grow. It will become what you, the readers, make and want it. It will depend upon the cooperation of each and every person in the state who reads this publication. Articles, reports etc., will be needed. Write the editor and tell him what you think of this bulletin. How we grow and what we can do depends upon you. We will need hundreds of individual members. These people will help to make this magazine possible. The more individual members we have the bigger and better

will be this publication. The Federation is guided and controlled by the affiliated clubs. The small fee per member that is collected from each club is used to defray operating expenses of the Federation. It is not enough to cover a publication. For this we are dependent upon individual members. Their dues will be used to publish this bulletin.

There is still room for additional clubs in the Federation. As the interest in ornithology continues to grow and expand, more cities, towns, and villages throughout the state will have clubs. We want to know about them and invite them to affiliate.

The next annual meeting of your Federation will be held April 7th and 8th, 1951, in Buffalo. As president of the Buffalo Ornithological Society, I extend a most cordial invitation for you to attend. Please mark these dates on your calendar for next year and plan to attend. These dates were chosen so that we could show you the interesting and outstanding waterfowl migration that we have here on the Niagara Frontier. Swans, geese, and a wide variety of ducks are promised.

In closing, I re-emphasize it is important for all of us to realize and appreciate the great job that Editor Klonick and his staff have performed. For all of you, I say thanks to him and his assistants.---

Winston William Brockner, President