

YOUR PRESIDENT SAYS . . .

By this time many of you have received the first questionnaire from the State Book Committee. These questionnaires are sent out to all those whose names have been suggested by the local clubs and the regional editors and in general comprise all those who have shown a serious interest in the status of our N. Y. S. birds. The chairman of the State Book Committee, Mr. Robert Arbib, Jr., has asked Mr. Robert F. Deed, Mr. Neil Moon and the writer to act as the sub-committee charged with the compiling of this mailing list. We are attempting to arrive at a complete mailing list covering not only all of our members with interests as above stated, but also many others who are not now associated with our organization but who may be interested in bird banding or museum activities or other activities, and who may be able to give us valuable data in answer to our questionnaires. While our committee may succeed in compiling a fairly representative list, we will need your help in making a really complete list. May we ask that if we have failed to mail out the first questionnaire covering the Common Loon to any of our club members or individual members who wish to receive it and succeeding questionnaires, or if you know of any friend who is not a member but who would be interested in receiving the questionnaires, that you advise Mr. Robert F. Deed, 50 Clinton Ave., Nyack, New York. He will see that the names submitted are placed on the list.

The State Book Committee will, I am sure, be glad to receive any suggestions which you may have in regard to future questionnaires and any comments which you may wish to make regarding the make up of the new state book. Your promptness in returning your questionnaire will also be of considerable help to the committee.

It was a pleasure to learn that three of our member clubs from Westchester County have joined in sponsoring the 1956 Federation meeting. I will hope to see you all there on May 12-13, 1956. Details of the meeting will be given at a later date.

