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The Federation has reached another milestone in its growth and progress. The Committee on By-Laws and Incorporation reports that the Federation's certificate of incorporation has been approved by the Court and was filed with the Secretary of State on August 20, 1956. As of that date we ceased being a nebulous association and became a distinct being in the eyes of the law. Our new by-laws and new name, Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., were approved at the 1956 Convention in anticipation of this change.

In addition to the obvious advantage of being a definite entity, incorporation should be of substantial financial advantage to the Federation. We believe our purposes have always been such as to enable individuals wishing to make a contribution in excess of the regular dues to deduct the amount contributed for income tax purposes. Now that we have clearly spelled out our purposes and powers in our certificate of incorporation and by-laws, this may more readily be done and it is to be expected that more individuals will take advantage of this feature and subscribe to a membership above the regular annual membership.

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