

JOHN P. BRUCK

The Federation lost a true friend when John P. Bruck died on January 11, 1960, in his eighty-eighth year. A native of Buffalo, he was educated in its schools and was a graduate of the Buffalo State Normal School. He served with distinction as principal of the old Truant School and for over thirty years as principal of the Opportunity School in Buffalo. John was a pioneer in providing vocational training for problem children in various crafts in the school.

Mr. Bruck lived alone at 218 Potters Road, Buffalo, where he kept well-stocked bird feeding stations. He called his home the "Potters Corners Refuge", and rejoiced in the many feathered friends which visited him and kept him from feeling lonely.

John had been a member of the Buffalo Audubon Society for many years, and was its Honorary President when he died. As chairman of the membership committee Mr. Bruck was instrumental in obtaining many new members. He provided generously for the Society in his will. John was also a member of the National Audubon Society.

Beside his love of birds Mr. Bruck was interested in other forms of nature, becoming a member of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences and a charter member of the Nature Sanctuary Society of Western New York. He also joined the Allegany Field and Trail Club. John always had a vital interest in conservation, and became a member of the Erie County Conservation Society and the Izaak Walton League of America.

When our Federation put on a membership drive Mr. Bruck joined as an individual member, and while he could not attend many of our meetings, he felt that our organization was instrumental in the protection of New York State birds, and in adding to our knowledge of ornithology of the state. He left the Federation \$1000.00 in his will to implement our work. May many others follow his example, and may we be faithful to his trust.

Harold Mitchell

BULLETIN EXCHANGES COMMITTEE

A Bulletin Exchanges Committee has been added to those of the Federation for the purpose of stimulating Member Clubs to exchange their local publications with one another. The chairman is Kenneth D. Niven, 61 Broadway, Monticello.

The first list of Member Clubs desiring to exchange their bulletins was printed in the December, 1959, number of *The Kingbird*. Please correct an error that occurred. The Burroughs Audubon Nature Club is in *Rochester*. And add to the list: Onondaga Audubon Society — Margaret B. Mathis, R. D. 2, Baldwinsville, N. Y.

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