

The EDITOR'S Page

Some time ago, the editorial board agreed favorably on the use of photographs and pictures in The Kingbird and expressed the opinion that these illustrations would add interest to and supplement the articles and field notes. Budget restrictions have limited their use. At the May meeting, after discussion on this matter the following methods of meeting this additional cost were offered: 1) Would the author care to meet the cost? 2) Could a fund be raised by contributions and set aside for this specific purpose?

The Alan Devoe Bird Club has quickly responded to the latter suggestion and has forwarded to our treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Stoner, a check for \$23.00. I, and I am sure, the Editorial Staff and the other Officers of the Federation thank the Alan Devoe Bird Club for their thoughtfulness in giving to us this sum.

Regretfully, I must announce to the Federation and to the readers of The Kingbird, that Walton B. Sabin, who has so generously written the excellent reports for Region 8—Mohawk-Hudson area, since December 1959, will be unable to compile these reports in the future.

Dr. Peter P. Wickham, Box 465A, R. D. 4, Troy will replace Mr. Sabin in writing the Region 8 records. Welcome, Dr. Wickham, to our Kingbird Staff.

For those members who may be confused, the editor gives the following information. Although the date of the Annual Meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, Inc., varies, the term of elected officers is always constant. Officers elected at the annual meeting assume their duties on the first of January following election. New committees take on their duties immediately on appointment by the new president.

Since people are still asking, what the classes of membership in the Federation are, the following list of classes and dues should answer their question.

Annual—\$3.00 annually
Sustaining—\$5.00 annually
Supporting—\$10.00 annually
Life*—\$100.00 (one time or \$25.00 per year for 4 years)
Patron*—\$500.00 (one time)
Founder*—\$1,000.00 (one time)
Clubs pay 10c per member
* No further payments

Application for membership should be sent to Mrs. Donald Radke, Box 138, R.D. #1, East Chatham, N. Y.

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