

The EDITOR'S Page

You will note that the current Kingbird is now January 1963, Volume XIII #1. The reasons for this change from December 1962 has been adequately explained by post card and also again in "Your President Says" in this issue.

This change facilitates the work of membership, secretarial and finance committees, but has the additional and important advantage in that as new memberships begin at the first of the year, these new people have had to wait into late May or early June for their first copy of The Kingbird. With the change, new membs, now receive the magazine at a time coincidental with their joining the Federation.

One thing that must be emphasized is, that the seasons and the deadline dates for reports of each have **not** been changed.

Vol. No.	Issue	deadline date	Season — period
1	January	December 20	Fall — Aug. 16 - Nov. 30
2	May	April 20	Winter — Dec. 1 - March 31
3	July	June 20	Spring — April 1 - May 31
4	October	September 20	Summer — June 1 - August 15

Once more I am asking you to please inform (Mrs.) Donald F. Radke, membership chairman, Box 138, R.D.#1, East Chatham, Mr. Kenneth D. Niven, treasurer, 61 Broadway, Monticello or the editor of any change of address of individual members or change and address of the person who should receive your club Kingbird. Let me give you an example: A copy of the Oct.-Dec. Kingbird was mailed to an individual member in California, (orginal postage — three cents), it was returned to Buffalo, with ten cents postage due with the new address on the envelope. I remailed it to Cal. in a new envelope with six cents postage. The total cost of mailing this Kingbird was approximately twenty cents or one-fifth the cost of one Kingbird. All this may delay the delivery of the Kingbird as much as a month.

Once again, I ask for papers, field notes, any interesting information concerning birds of New York State for consideration as material for printing in The Kingbird.

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