

is seen only by the addressee—the President or Secretary—and is never passed along. The *Kingbird* itself, where announcements are made and bulletins issued, is seen by only a fraction of our members. This is another reason why an increase in individual memberships would be worthwhile.

Looking to the future, I am tempted to restate our hopes and goals for the Federation. But a capable new President, Allen Benton of Fredonia, is about to take over, and we will leave the course of our good ship for him to determine henceforth. We wish him and his administration, and the Federation, every success.

I take this opportunity to thank all those officers, chairmen of committees, club officers, and members who have helped make these years fruitful and rewarding. It has been a most pleasurable experience.

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JANUARY 1966 WATERFOWL CENSUS DATES

In the hope of increasing participation by member clubs, the dates of the Federation's annual waterfowl census have been set far enough in advance so that it can be scheduled as a regular field trip. The census will be taken January 15–23, 1966. If the weather is good on Sunday January 16, as many as possible should make their counts that day. If the weather is very bad, the preferred alternate is January 23. If neither date is possible for your club, the census may be taken any time during the period. Please send the report, giving the date the census was made, area covered, and number of individuals of each species of waterfowl seen, as soon as possible after the census to John L. Mitchell, 345 Conrad Avenue, Rochester. He will again compile the summary and the comparison with the Conservation Department's aerial census for publication in the *Kingbird*.



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