

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By the time you read this, the Christmas census will be over, the waterfowl census will be upon us, and planning for the spring migration will be in full swing. What better time to present a thought-provoking project to our membership?

A while ago I received a letter from a man who must remain anonymous for the moment. He suggested that the Federation might design, produce, and encourage the use of a metal sign designating private sanctuaries. After the idea was aired among the officers of the Federation, another anonymous benefactor offered a prize of \$10 for the best design submitted by a Federation member, and still another offered a second prize of \$5.

All artistic members please note!! The deadline for submission of designs, in 8" $\times$ 10" format, in full color, is March 31, 1967. Designs will be judged by a committee and the award will be given during the Annual Banquet. Wording is optional but should express the fact that the signs designate a private wildlife sanctuary, and at least the initials FNYSBC must appear on the sign. Otherwise, let your imagination have free rein.

Submit all designs to me, at the address below, prior to March 31. Prize-winning designs will be published in the *Kingbird*.

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION, 1967

Dates: Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 4.

Place: Hanson's on Oquaga Lake, a few miles southwest of Deposit, N.Y., exits 82 or 83 from Route 17.

Speaker: Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.

Papers: Anyone who has a paper to read is asked to notify Mrs. F. V. (Harriet) Marsi, Friendsville Stage, Binghamton, N.Y. 13903

Host Clubs: Naturalists' Club of Binghamton and Tioga Bird Club.

BACK ISSUE SPECIAL AT ANNUAL MEETING

There are on hand many more copies of most of the back issues of *The Kingbird* than are needed to meet probable future demand. To ease the storage problem there will be held at the 1967 annual meeting a special CASH AND CARRY SALE of the surplus back copies for 50¢ apiece. Check your files because this will be the only chance to fill in missing issues at less than the regular price of \$1.50 per copy.