

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

As the new year dawns, it is sometimes difficult to realize that a change has also come in a portion of the leadership of our organization. In addition to a new President, we also have a new Vice-President and Recording Secretary. The complete list of officers will be found on the back page of this issue. We solicit your cooperation and support during the coming year.

If it hadn't been for the fact that I had planned to and did retire from my daily working responsibilities on the first of November, I could not have accepted this additional responsibility. I am keeping busy with my hobbies, one of which is the Federation. I hope that time will permit some travel throughout the State and a chance to visit and become better acquainted with many of the member clubs, particularly those that have not been too active in delegate attendance at our annual meetings. We can only do our best job as a Federation when we have full participation of all clubs.

We must certainly not forget our conservation activities which are of major importance to all sections of the State. Please remember that communications received from our conservation chairman may sometimes require immediate action by all members and member clubs to be effective.

Certain amendments to the By-Laws, given on page 203 of the October issue, require ratification by the clubs. If your club has not ratified these, please see that it is done immediately.

If the Federation is to be truly effective and successful, we need the financial and moral support of many new members. Please send names of new members, with \$5.00 dues for each, to the membership chairman.

Through communications from myself, our conservation chairman and the new publicity chairman we hope that our activities will become better known to more people throughout the State.

I call your attention to a notice elsewhere in this issue changing the date of the next annual meeting in Rochester to April 26 to 28. This is due to a conflict of dates with the Wilson Ornithological Society which has scheduled its meeting on our previous dates.

Watson B. Hastings

TREASURER'S REQUEST

Our treasurer, Dort Cameron, requests that members wait until they receive their dues notice before they pay their dues. Prepaid dues create about ten times as much work per person as routinely paid dues submitted in the envelope supplied with the notice.