

EDWARD C. ULRICH — A TRIBUTE

One of my best friends, Edward C. Ulrich, a life member of our Federation, died on May 21, 1968, at the age of 73. Those who knew him well realized that he was an unusually gifted man. Although he lacked a college education, he took extension courses, particularly in the natural sciences, at Technical High School and the University of Buffalo. He was also an intensive reader and a keen observer, and thus accumulated an extensive knowledge of zoology, botany and geology, and an appreciation of the aesthetics. For example, regarding his trip to Alaska, he wrote:

"At the extreme northwest tip of this physiographic complex (North America) lies Alaska, a land that is bordered by mountains and temperate ocean currents and also by arctic tundra and arctic seas, a land of mountains, glaciers and huge river deltas, repositories of the elements wrought from the hills. Summer days of long sunshine and protracted warmth give way to long winter nights and frigid cold. Contrasts with a harmony of purpose blend to make Alaska a place of speculative wonder and also exciting grandeur.

There is a challenge, which thus presented, requires an answer, the answer to which lies in a trip from the hardwood belt of the east, through the spruces and pines of the north central area, across the prairie and onto the plains to that point where the flat lands almost abruptly end and meet the basal hills. Here, with the first glimpses of the farther mountains, the horizons alter, in patterns that change as the passage of clouds reveal or conceal the outlines of the snow covered higher ranges and form a condition whereby the mountains and the clouds blend closely with and merge, almost inseparably, each from the other." [*Audubon Outlook* 16(3): 14, July 1967].

Ed's skill as a very proficient carpenter contractor was often used to great advantage in his conservation activities, in which he gave unselfishly of his time and effort. He joined the newly formed Buffalo Ornithological Society in 1930, and contributed much to the success of that society. He became its president from 1940 to 1942, and was made a fellow in 1941. He edited "The Prothonotary" from 1939 to 1947 and he wrote many articles for its pages. Ed also was a great help in the maintenance of the society's Grand Island Refuge.

Shortly after Ed joined the Buffalo Ornithological Society he met Alice Sherman at meetings and on field trips, and an ornithological romance developed, leading to their marriage in 1937. They enjoyed many trips to interesting localities from coast to coast and later took us on many of these trips via motion pictures. The couple became active in our Federation, attended many of our meetings, and Ed was a great help to Alice when she edited "The Kingbird" from July, 1961, to December, 1964.

An ardent conservationist, Mr. Ulrich wrote many articles to aid the

cause, and was among the first to speak up on important conservation issues. He was a life member of the Nature Conservancy and was chairman of our local Western New York Chapter at the time of his death. He did much to enhance the value and to promote greater use by the nature-loving public of its refuges, particularly Deer Lick.

As a life member of the Wilson Ornithological Society, and a member of the American Ornithologists' Union, he attended a number of their annual meetings. Ed was also a member of the Buffalo Audubon Society, the Nature Sanctuary Society of Western New York and the Izaak Walton League of America.

Edward Ulrich was a man whom we all loved and respected. I feel that my association with him greatly enriched my life.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

There are a number of changes that I wish to report to the Federation. Before listing these appointments, I would like to make one general point. It is obviously impossible for me to know all the members of the Federation and thus my choice for appointments is in that way limited. If you are interested in serving the Federation in any way I would be delighted to hear from you.

The board of directors is happy to announce that they have appointed Mr. Edward Somers of Albany to take over the position of treasurer from Dort Cameron who wishes to resign at the end of the year. I would like to thank Dort for the work he has done for the Federation over the last two years and more personally for the able assistance he gave me when I was so tragically catapulted into the office of president. The Federation is also indebted to Dort Cameron and Dick Sloss for their painstaking work in obtaining tax exempt status for our organization. This unglamorous work is valuable to the Federation.

As requested at the last council meeting I have set up a committee to examine the organization of the Federation. The chairman is Dick Sloss, the chairman of the by-laws committee, and the other members are two former presidents—Allan Klonick and Harold Mitchell. The committee will report to the next council meeting; any member having comments and suggestions should contact one of the committee.

Alice Ulrich has taken over the bulletin exchange committee and any clubs interested in exchanging their publications with other member clubs should get in touch with her. I hope that many clubs will take advantage of this service for the exchange of ideas and news.