

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.

Bob Arbib has expressed the wish to stand down as chairman of the state bird book committee. Bob has served on this vital committee for many years, wrote the standard of frequency and abundance (*Audubon Field Notes* 11: 63-64, 1957) and the sample write-up of the Common Loon (*Kingbird* 13: 132-140, 1963) and spent much time in the thankless task of attempting to raise funds for the state bird book. The other member of the Federation whose name should be mentioned in this connection is that of our first president, Dr. Gordon Meade. Now that an able editor has been found and the Federation is not involved in the financial arrangements it seems unnecessary to have a state bird book committee as such. I hope that individual members and the research committee of the Federation will continue to aid John Bull in his work. One point on which members could help now is the sending of habitat photographs to illustrate the volume to John Bull at the American Museum of Natural History. All those photographs used will be acknowledged in the book.

We are busy reorganizing the conservation committee. The idea is to set up five regional conservation chairmen. Their task will be to pass information from our conservation chairman—Max Wheat—to the clubs in their region and conversely bring local problems to the attention of the conservation committee. We hope to have a Federation representative in every member club as a contact person for the regional chairman. I hope that those clubs which have not replied to my letter on this subject will do so soon. We are planning to send "Conservation Now" to all members and Ted Dittrich of Syracuse is undertaking the editorship. At the last council meeting it was decided to affiliate with the New York State Conservation Council. So far I have received no word from them as to how they view the application. After the heated debate in Rochester it would be ironical if we were "black-balled." While on this subject I would like to mention that I have joined, as a private individual, the scientific advisory board of the Environmental Defense Fund.

I would like to draw your attention to the notice of the 1968 annual meeting that appears in this issue. This meeting will be held in Cortland on May 23-25, 1969, where I hope you will give me the chance to decrease my limitations mentioned in the first paragraph.

The plea for new memberships has been made by all presidents and I do not wish to be an exception. Are the officers and active members of your club individual members of the Federation? I feel that they should be.

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