

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

As I assume the responsibilities of the Federation as it's newest president, I have been asked to continue the President's Page.

At the outset, let me say that it is with some trepidation that I take up the reins of authority turned over to me by my worthy predecessor, Dr. Edgar M. Reilly, Jr. I say this because I am fully aware of the many changes that have taken place in our environment and its ecology, especially during the past several decades. The challenges that confront us and the problems to be faced and hopefully solved are all around us and constantly increasing, or so it seems. It has been said before, but it will bear repeating, that as students of natural history, (whether professional or amateur) be it ornithology, botany, zoology or what have you, it has become increasingly obvious that we must be concerned with our total environment and its future or there will be no future for us or our children to say nothing of our grandchildren.

In view of some of the thoughts just expressed, it is to be hoped that in the year ahead the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs will grow in numbers and strength and that some of its good resolutions may be translated to positive action. We all have our dreams, and yet I realize that if any progress is made, it is going to require the full cooperation and support of both individuals and clubs, and this wholehearted co-operation I earnestly solicit.

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