

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By the time this message appears in print, another annual council meeting (the 25th) of the Federation will have become history. When we think of history, we like to envision a number of actions or events, which have helped to strengthen our cause, and have added something to justify our existence.

After a possibly lethargic summer for many of us, it is to be hoped that we will all get back to work with renewed vigor and ambition. It goes without saying that complete cooperation, and understanding, and an appreciation of the other fellows viewpoint are essential to progress. Basic to these ideals is the everpresent need for education at all levels, from the individuals on up to the state organization.

Speaking of progress, I believe it would be appropriate at this time to say something about the forthcoming book, "Birds of New York State." I do not know the exact title, but it will be a completely new and up to date book on the present status of all species of birds recorded in New York State. Among other things, it will touch on new breeding birds, population trends, accidentals, and on those species which are, regretfully, declining. It might be interesting to note that the first such publication appeared in 1844, the work of James DeKay, and published by the State of New York. Sixty-six years later another such book, completely revised and updated and edited by Elon Howard Eaton was published by the New York State Museum of the Education Department. And now, after another interval of sixty plus years, we are eagerly awaiting the appearance of the new book which will be edited by John Bull of the Ornithology Department of The American Museum of Natural History. This book will be the culmination of the hopes, dreams and labor of countless numbers of interested individuals. When the book is published, hopefully in 1973, we urge all Federation members to show their appreciation and support by adding it to their libraries.

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