

Letter to the Editor

It may be of little significance or value, but some readers of Dr. Meade's article on "The Origins Of The Federation And What Happened Then" (*Kingbird* Vol. 38(2):66-74) may want to correct certain typographical errors. I know that they are not important, but I also know that Dr. Meade would be the very first person to insist on accuracy.

On page 67, last paragraph, at the 7 Dec 1946 meeting, twelve Bird Clubs are mentioned as attending but only eleven are listed. Both the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University and the Cuyuga Bird Club were represented by Dr. Peter Paul Kellogg.

On page 68, last paragraph, the date of the First Annual Meeting in Rochester, was 13-14 Nov 1948 instead of 12-14 Dec. In the same paragraph, for the papers presented at that meeting the, "Status of the Little Gull on the Niagara Frontier", was given by Harold D. Mitchell and not F.L. Gambrel, who present a paper entitled, "Bird Activities on the Montezuma Wildlife Refuge". Also omitted was a paper "The Occurrence of Migration in the Semi-domesticated Mallard" by Dirck Benson.

On the top of page 72, the list of deceased Presidents includes Warren Hastings. His correct name is Watson B. Hastings.

Some other very important early meetings held to get the Federation off the ground were not listed. A dinner meeting was held on 22 Mar 1946 in Rochester to explore the idea of a Federation. Another meeting was held on 26 Oct 1946, and a fruitful meeting convened in Dr. Kellogg's office at Cornell on 8 Feb 1944 to finalize the Constitution for the Federation. Also, a Council Meeting was held on 28 May 1947, at the American Museum of Natural History, in New York City. All of the aforementioned meetings laid a firm foundation for a successful Federation.

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[Dr. Meade does indeed welcome these corrections. He writes that some of the early planning meetings were omitted from his account so as not to overly complicate the story of the Federation's beginnings, and notes that the official minutes of the first annual meeting do not mention the paper by Dirck Benson – The Editor.]