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Phil DuMont
Sarasota, Fla.

Dear Phil:-

I received your fine book last week while I was at home nursing a case of a very bad cold and I read it through. I did not know who sent it to me and looked for a bill but found none so wrote to your mother to obtain your address and have not had a reply from her yet. Your letter this morning cleared up everything. Just let me know what I owe and to whom it should be sent and I will be glad to remit promptly.

My local list (within a 30 mile radius of Ogden) comprising Boone and parts of Greene and Dallas Counties is now 225. I find upon checking your list that you have 77 listed that I do not have and I have four that do not appear on your list. However some of these are questionable and when such an authority as you are will read those four you may laugh over it.

They are the Greater Snow Goose, Western Horned Owl, Burrowing Owl and the Traill's Flycatcher. Regarding the Burrowing Owl there is absolutely no question. A Horned Owl was shot here and sent to Dill for mounting and he classified it as the Western Horned Owl. The matter of Snow Geese and Flycatchers is a never ending argument so I may be right and I may be wrong. I certainly was most awfully sorry to have missed you that Sunday morning when you came over. Wish that you had called the evening before and Bob and I would have been delighted to have you with us on our hike.

Regarding your Wilson Club dues can say that they are not paid for 1932. When you remit me your \$2.50 dues be sure to also send your new address to Dr Stephens so you will be sure to get the Bulletins when you arrive in California.

I have the fever to go to New Orleans to the meeting and hope that I may be able to go. It is a hard time for a banker to get off and especially now since the depression.

Dr Shaver wrote me for a paper for the meeting also. He wanted my owl material. I suppose that Stephens must have tipped him off. I am not scientist enough to appear before such a distinguished group as that and if I should happen to go I will bring my owl slides along and perhaps someone can give me the latin names of all those various kinds of mice which I found.

I wish that you would go to New Orleans as you could represent Iowa in fine shape and much better than a "dub" like me. You could then sail for Panama from there just as well as from Florida and perhaps for about the same fare. I have been considering a bus trip down from here. I believe I would see more of the country that way than by rail and besides it is cheaper. However it is not so comfortable. Where is Kenney? I have not seen or heard of him for so long that I have lost track of him. He usually makes himself known some time during the summer but I saw nothing of him last summer.

I certainly envy you of your wonderful experiences and wish that Junior could see what you have seen and get the experience you have had. Glad that you had a nice talk with him and hope that something will develop from it.

Write often, *Walter*