

DIRECTORY

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A Proposed
Iowa Ornithologists' Union

February 12, 1923.

Some years ago the bird men of the state were organized as the Iowa Ornithological Club. They held annual meetings and published a periodical called "The Iowa Ornithologist".

In recent years a desire has been felt by many Iowa bird students to have some kind of an organization which would bring them together for acquaintance and mutual inspiration. For many years Nebraska has had a successful organization known as the Nebraska Ornithologists Union.

It has been thought best to take advantage of the annual gathering of the members of the Iowa Conservation Association for our first meeting. Therefore, arrangements have been made for a meeting of the bird students of Iowa on February 28th, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon in one of the college buildings at Ames. The Iowa Conservation Association will convene in the afternoon.

A program of papers and talks on birds, several to be illustrated by slides, has been provided; and the question of organization will be considered. You are cordially urged to attend this meeting. We are counting now on an attendance of about thirty or forty, although one hundred and fifty notifications are being sent out.

We would like to know if you plan to attend the meeting; if you will notify the Sioux City author further information as to program and other details will be sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Keyes, Mount Vernon
Dayton Stoner, Iowa City
T. C. Stephens, Sioux City

The Iowa Ornithologists' Union.

April 26, 1923.

A meeting was called February 28th At Ames, Iowa, to consider the advisability of organizing the bird students of the state. About fifty delegates were present.

After a program of papers, a business session was convened. The organization was named the Iowa Ornithologists' Union, and the purposes of the organization were pointed out as follows:

- 1 - To renew and carry on the activities of the Iowa Ornithological Association which had been inactive for several years;
- 2 - To encourage the scientific study of the bird life of the state, and to present a united support of such laws as are necessary for the conservation of both game and song birds;
- 3 - To afford an opportunity for the bird students of the state to become mutually acquainted.
- 4 - To look forward to possible co-operation with national organizations working along similar lines.

This movement has the endorsement of the officers of the Iowa Conservation Association, under whose auspices our first meeting was held.

At the business session of the organization the following officers were elected:

President, Mr. W. M. Rosene, (Banker) Ogden, Iowa.

Vice-President, Dr. T. C. Stephens, (Prof. of Biology, M. S. College) Sioux City, Iowa.

Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Bailey, (Supervisor of Bird Study), Sioux City, Iowa.

Treasurer, Mr. Thos. H. Whitney, (Banker) Atlantic, Iowa.

Executive Committee, Rev. LeRoy Titus Weeks, Emmetsburg, Prof.

Homer R. Dill, Iowa City, Mr. A. J. Palas, Des Moines.

The Union is now ready to enroll members and extends to you an invitation to become a member. The dues have been fixed at fifty cents a year. This money is necessary to defray the cost of occasional notices to the membership. Eventually it may be possible to affect affiliation with the Wilson Ornithological Club upon a basis which will give our members the Wilson Bulletin; this will require an increase in dues but can not be accomplished this year.

If you desire to become a member, please forward your name and address, with dues, to the Secretary, using the subjoined blank if desired. If you will kindly send names of friends who might wish to belong, an invitation will be extended to them.

Yours Respectfully,

MRS. H. M. BAILEY, Secretary,
2109 Nebraska St.,

Sioux City, Iowa

Enrollment Blank.

I desire to become a member of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union, and herewith enclose fifty cents, dues for one year.

Name.....

Street.....

City....., Iowa.

Ogden, Iowa, July 21, 1923.

Dear Fellow Members of the I.O.U.:--

Our membership has been growing until we now have seventy members in our organization. We should have one hundred the first year and I am sure we can reach this goal if we, each one of us, bring this to the attention of all of our friends who are interested in birds.

It is my desire, and, I am sure, of all of you, that we might meet together and talk over our experiences and observations of the year and, better still, take a field trip together.

Two opportunities to do this will be offered us this summer. The Wild Life School at McGregor, which is held annually, is a delightful place to spend a vacation and become acquainted with the wild life of our State. Dr. LeRoy Titus Weeks, who is one of our Executive Council, will be one of the Faculty again this year and all members who can should hear him as he is worth going across the state to hear. The dates for this meeting are August 5th to 17th, and reservations should be made with the Secretary of the Wild Life School at McGregor.

Then we have in Boone County a 600 acre State Park known as the Ledges State Park, which is beautifully situated along the Des Moines River and the custodian in charge is Mr. Carl Fritz Henning, one of our old ornithologists and also one of our members.

The Camp Fire Girls have an all summer camp there in charge of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nelson of Des Moines. It is an excellent Camp, located five miles south of Boone and ten miles south of Ogden. We are invited to spend two days at the Ledges in camp with the Nelsons and the charges for board and lodging will be the same as that made to the Camp Fire Girls -- we to furnish our blanket and individual dishes such as knife, fork, and spoon, cup, saucer and plate.

The dates August 11th to 13th are open to us and it is earnestly hoped that as many of you as can, will attend here during this period, beginning Saturday noon, August 11, two meals on Saturday, all day Sunday, breakfast Monday and all forenoon. The next contingent of girls will arrive at noon on Monday and we must vacate for them. This will give us two full days with two evenings in camp and we have made arrangements to have an evening of pictures of Our Common Birds. These slides are made from photographs of birds at home, taken by Dr. A. A. Allen of Cornell University, Editor of the Childrens' Department of Bird-Lore. They are unusual and well worth seeing, and are loaned by the courtesy of the Extension Division of Iowa University.

It is hoped to secure a speaker for the second evening, but we are not able to make a definite announcement at this time.

We hope that every member in Ames, Des Moines and Boone, as well as all members in this part of the state, will attend this meeting at the Ledges. The expense will be \$1.50 a day for board, lodging and program. Please make your reservations early with Mr. Carl Fritz Henning of Boone, who will be in touch with the Nelsons at the Camp.

Those of you who can not go to McGregor be sure to go to the Ledges -- but be sure to go to one place and let us have a good time together.

Yours for a better I.O.U.

W. M. R o s e n e,
President.

Iowa Ornithologists' Union.

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 11, 1923.

Dear Fellow Member:

Knowing the impossibility of bringing all our members together at this time, it has seemed best to try to solve some important problems by means of a letter.

Since our organization in February, 1923, we have been steadily gaining in membership and now have 92 members. We feel that we have reached only a small number of the Iowans interested in birds and that the membership should include many more. Can you not help us make it 100?

Besides the meeting of Officers held here in May, we have had two meetings for members during the year, both held at the same time in different parts of the state.

The two days meeting at the Ledges State Park, August 11-13 was interfered with by the heavy rain which made the roads almost impassible, but those who attended were enthusiasts and the meeting was well worth while. The meeting at McGregor was in conjunction with the Wild Life Conference, and was well attended. Three sessions on August 11 were devoted to bird topics and the wish was expressed that this day might be a regular feature in the program of the Conference. These meetings helped to draw the members together and put the Union on a firmer basis.

Now, there are several questions which should be brought up before the membership and should be given personal consideration as soon as possible.

The first matter to be considered is the time and place of our Annual Meeting. Shall this be held, as last year, in conjunction with the Iowa Conservation Association, since our Union may not be firmly enough established to hold a separate meeting? This is usually held in the winter months in Ames, which is a central location. Or, would it be more advisable to have a two days meeting in May and include a field trip? If the latter, what should be the policy of the selection of the place? Should the largest group of members in one town decide the place, a plan which might help to boost the membership, or should it be decided by an invitation from the members of a town desiring to have the meeting?

The second matter to be considered is the preparation of a program for the meeting. What special topics should be considered that would interest the largest number? Do you know of any one who could give an interesting talk on some line of work taken up recently? Perhaps you, yourself have something to present?

The next matter is in regard to a publication by which we might come in touch with each other oftener. If it does not seem wise to have one of our own, on account of the expense involved, how about the Wilson Bulletin, which might give space to our news notes and perhaps other articles. This should be discussed at the Annual Meeting but should be the expression of all the members.

Another matter that will come up at the Meeting will be the election of officers. This question should be given careful consideration in order that the officers chosen may be those who will best advance the interests of the Union.

These are questions which should interest every member, for an Association is what the members make it, and only by the interest and enthusiasm of every one can it be made what we all wish it to become, an Iowa organization worthy of the name.

Yours very truly,
Mrs. H. M. Bailey

2109 Nebraska St., Sioux City, Iowa

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

February 12, 1924.

Dear Fellow Members and other bird lovers:

It is now nearly a year since the organization of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union, and during the year our enrollment has reached the one hundred mark for which we were aiming. With this start for the first year we should soon include in our association every bird lover in the state.

It has been decided to hold our annual meeting in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Iowa Conservation Association which will meet in the Agricultural Hall at Ames, March 7th and 8th.

An interesting program has been prepared for the Iowa Ornithologists' Union to be given on Saturday, March 8th.

After a short business session at ten o'clock which will include the annual reports, we will have the following papers:

Birds of Southwest Iowa, C. E. Butler, Atlantic.

What I see From My Back Window, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Ottumwa.

Bird Feeding and Nesting, as studied by the Boy Scouts, E. G. Stowell, Scout Master of Ames.

Beginning at 1:30 we will have;

Down With the House Wren Boxes, Miss Althea Sherman, National.

Recent Winter Bird Records of Northern Iowa, C. J. Spiker, New

Hampton. --followed by a five minute discussion on "My most interesting record for 1923".

Birds of the Ledges, Carl Fritz Henning, Boone.

Tenants of the City Marsh, Miss Olivia McCabe, Des Moines.

Birds in Their Relation to Snakes, Prof. J. E. Guthrie, Ames, with another five minute discussion on "Birds and Snakes."

After the report of committees and election of officers, there will be an illustrated lecture;

Some Iowa Great Horned Owls, Prof. Charles R. Keys, Mt. Vernon.

Two illustrated lectures in the evening will close our program;

Two Bird Students on a Vacation in Minnesota, Dr. T. C. Stephens, Sioux City.

A Few Birds of the Itasca Lake Region, Mr. Walter Bennett, Sioux City.

A more detailed program will be sent later, but with this interesting outline of good talks and papers we hope to bring to the meeting all of our members and any one else who is interested in birds. Let us get together to become better acquainted and to take part in the plans for a better Iowa Ornithologists' Union. If it is impossible for you to be there, will you not answer the Questionnaire and return the slip to the Secretary before the meeting?

W. M. Rosene, Pres.

Mrs. H. M. Bailey, Secy.

QUESTIONNAIRE.

1. Do you favor affiliation with the Wilson Ornithological Club?
(On the basis of two classes of membership, Local members--paying dues to the I.O.U. only, and Affiliate members--paying dues to both organizations, \$2.00 or \$2.50, which will include subscription to the Wilson Bulletin).
2. Shall the name be changed to Iowa Ornithological Society, to correspond with the Tennessee and Kentucky associations which have recently affiliated with the Wilson Club?
3. Shall we have a field meet, and at what time and place?

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Iowa Ornithologists' Union.

March 24, 1924.

Dear Fellow Member:

The second Annual Meeting of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union was held as scheduled at Ames on the 8th of March. For those of us who were there, it was well worth while, for it was both encouraging and inspiring. Encouraging, because of the number of interested people who attended, about fifty at each session, and inspiring because so many took part in the discussions which followed the interesting papers read. It is certainly worth all the effort it costs to attend a meeting of people all interested in the same line of work.

We are very much indebted to the Iowa State College through whose kindness and courtesy we were enabled to use the building where our meetings were held, and for the use of the lantern and screen, but especially are we indebted to the Secretary of the Conservation Association, Prof. G. B. MacDonald, also a fellow member of the Ornithologists' Union, whose ever-ready helpfulness contributed very largely to the success of the meeting.

The program was an interesting one and was carried out as printed, and those who could not be present sent their papers which were read by others. Perhaps this, as much as any thing else made the meeting a success.

The business of the meeting was easily disposed of, reports were read and audited and the same officers were re-elected for another year. The question of affiliation with the Wilson Club was discussed and it was voted to affiliate on the basis of two kinds of membership as stated in the last letter, if we might be allowed to do so, and the Secretary was instructed to ascertain if this would be satisfactory to the Wilson Club.

The change of name brought up considerable discussion but it was finally voted to allow the name to remain as it was for the present. It was also thought best to leave the time and place for a field meet to be decided at a later date.

Resolutions were passed recommending that members do what they could toward the observance of Bird Day, March 21, in the Public Schools in their community; also,

That the McCormack-Hawes Bill now before the legislature receive the hearty support of the Union; and

That the Public Shooting Grounds and Wild Life Refuge Bill have our whole-hearted support.

Now we are started on another year, and as we reached our goal of one hundred members the first year, perhaps it is not too much to double the number this year, and this can be done if each one will bring one new member. We are already nearly a quarter on our way having enrolled twenty new members at the meeting.

It was decided to make the dues payable at the first of the Calendar year and past due after the first of March. As it may take considerable time to settle the matter of affiliate dues, it was thought best to proceed on the original plan, making the local dues fifty cents as last year and it is earnestly requested that those who have not paid membership dues for this year do so at once. Dues paid after the first of January are paid for this year.

The Association has no other source of revenue than the dues and these are only sufficient to cover the cost of stationery, postage and other necessary expenses incurred in keeping the members informed of the work that is being done. Some have already paid, may we hear from the rest of you soon?

Yours truly,

Mrs. H. M. Bailey, Secretary.

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.
Circular Letter No. 6

July 15, 1924.

Dear Fellow-member of the I.O.U.-

This is the busy season for a great many bird lovers. It is the working season for the bird-banders. We should have more active bird-banders in Iowa than we now have. It is fascinating work, and also yields important information. If you are interested and do not know how to get started write to any of the officers of the I.O.U. for information. A recent report gives a list of twenty licensed bird-banders in Iowa. There should be twice as many.

August 8th (Friday) has been designated as Bird Day Conference at the Wild Life School at McGregor, Iowa. This has been done partly at the suggestion of the officers of the I.O.U., and it is hoped that it may be a summer rally day for all bird lovers who can possibly get away at that time. The entire day will be devoted to bird work, including programs in the forenoon and evening and a field trip in the afternoon. As planned at present talks or papers will be presented by Dr. H. C. Oberholser, of the U.S. Biological Survey, and by Dr. L. T. Weeks, of the Wild Life School. Others will be added in the meantime. It has been arranged for each member of the I.O.U. to receive a detailed program of the Wild Life School, including the Bird Day. Try to make arrangements to be present.

For some months Dr. W. T. Hornaday, of New York, has been developing a campaign urging a general reduction in the bag limits on migratory game birds. Twenty-nine states now allow a daily bag limit of 25 ducks. If every one of the licensed hunters in these states alone would shoot his bag limit on one day only it would mean the destruction of over 73 millions of ducks; and the other states (in which the bag limit ranges from 10 to 20) would bring the grand total up to more than 98 millions of ducks, to say nothing of other kinds of game birds. It is within the power of the Secretary of Agriculture to reduce these bag limits by simply changing the regulations under the Migratory Bird Law. These regulations are issued each summer with such revisions as may be deemed necessary. If you are sufficiently interested in the matter you can register your views by writing to Secretary Wallace, of the Department of Agriculture, or to Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey.

The I.O.U. is now a going concern, with a membership of 125, all paid up at least to the first of this year. But we want and need every member we now have, and more. Please do not let your membership lapse.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rosene, President.

To the Members of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union.

November 1, 1924.

We are nearing the close of our second year and find the interest in our Union increasing, for we have now 108 members, many of whom are new this year.

We are sorry that there are still twenty-five of our first year members who have neglected to renew their membership, and we feel reluctant to drop their names from our roll: we are sure that it is only through carelessness that the matter was not attended to, rather than a lack of interest in the Union. We are still willing to accept renewals for this year and for the next.

We also especially urge members to send in names of persons, interested in birds, who might care to become members of the Union.

Your attention is called to two meetings of importance to all bird lovers, to be held in the month of November.

The first meeting is the annual meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union, to be held in Carnegie Museum at Pittsburg, November 11-13 inclusive, and those who are able to attend will enjoy a very fine program.

The second meeting is the annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club to be held in conjunction with the Inland Bird Banding Association, at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 28th and 29th of the same month. This meeting is of especial interest to our members as it is, in a measure, our meeting, and it is hoped that as many as can do so will plan to be there.

The Articles of Affiliation of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union with the Wilson Ornithological Club have been sent to the officers of the Wilson Club for their approval and signature, and this will constitute the formal acknowledgment of the affiliation. These Articles were drawn up by the President of the Union, and approved by the Executive Council, and while we are not bound, as individuals, to become members of the Wilson Club by paying the dues of that Club, it would, of course, be fine if every member of the Union wished to do so. We do feel, however, that we are strengthening our Union by becoming affiliated with the larger Club.

Let us all work for a larger and better Iowa Ornithologists' Union.

Yours truly,

Mary L. Bailey, Secretary.

Iowa Ornithologists' Union

Sioux City, Iowa.

February 4, 1925.

Dear Fellow Member:

It is now two years since our organization, and it is a great satisfaction to know that we have, this year, gained a little on our membership of the first year.

There are many bird lovers throughout the state who have not yet affiliated with our organization. There may be many other reasons for this, but possibly they do not know of it, or we do not know of them. We should all try to remedy this by advertising our Union to our friends, and to our friends' friends.

The annual Meeting of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union will be held this year, as it was last year, at Ames, in conjunction with the Iowa Conservation Association, February 19-20-21 and Saturday, February 21 is to be especially our program. In addition to this Mr. Walter Bennett of Sioux City, is to give one of his fine lectures illustrated in color, on Friday afternoon. The subject will be, "Island Bird Life".

We have several other good things promised and a program will be sent, when printed, to each member. There will be reports from the two large ornithological meetings held at Pittsburg and Nashville, and Dr. LeRoy Titus Weeks will give two of his delightful talks on "Birds of Sixty Years Ago" and "Poetry on Wings".

There are other papers by old friends and new, that will help to make up a very interesting program and I am sure you will want to be there.

I wish I might make all of you know the advantages and enthusiasm of these meetings, but those of you who attended last year do know, and we count on your being there again. We have many on our roll, however, who are new members this year, or who were not able to attend the meeting last year, to you I can only say, do not let anything keep you away this year, it is so well worth while. If it is possible to do so, plan for the three full days, as the rest of the program is as interesting as that of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union. Come and bring others who are interested.

The dues for the year 1925 are due and payable after the first of January and we would appreciate attention to this matter as soon as possible, if you have overlooked it. The dues are the same as last year and the affiliation with the Wilson Ornithological Club has not made any difference, but we urge that all our members also join the latter as that keeps us in touch with members of other states through the Wilson Bulletin which is now edited and published in our state. At the meeting of the Club at Nashville, Dr. T. C. Stephens, Vice-President of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union was elected Editor and the next number of the Bulletin will be under his supervision.

Keep the dates of the meeting at Ames before you and let this be a reunion of old friends.

Yours very truly,

MARY L. BAILEY,
Secretary.

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

March 12th, 1925.

Dear Fellow-member of the I.O.U.-

Please do not consider this a "President's Message" in the ordinary sense of the word but just a few words of greeting to all of you and especially to those of you who were unfortunate enough to be unable to attend the Ames meeting.

I think that every one of the many members there will agree with me that this was the finest meeting that we have had and it is to be regretted that every member could not be present. The program was carried out in full, with only one exception, and this paper was at hand but had to be omitted on account of time.

Besides the regular reports of officers and other routine business the papers and lectures were as follows:-

- Report of the Pittsburg meeting of the A.O.U. by Dr. Stephens.
- Report of the Nashville Meeting of the W.O.C. by C. J. Spiker.
- Adventures in Bird Banding by Miss Kathleen Hempel of Elkader.
- Birds of Sixty Years Ago by Rev. L. T. Weeks of Emmetsburg.
- Martins and Martin Houses by T. H. Whitney of Atlantic.
- Economic Relation of Birds to Agriculture by J. J. Cole of Nevada.
- The Birds' Garden, by Weir R. Mills of Pierson.
- Popularizing Birds, by Mrs. Henry Frankel of Des Moines (Illustrated).
- An Iowa Bird student in Colorado by A. J. Palas of Des Moines.
- The Garden of Eden by Dr. Weeks of Emmetsburg.

In addition to the above, should be mentioned the wonderful illustrated lecture on Island Bird Life on Friday afternoon by Walter W. Bennett of Sioux City and this was followed by the fine banquet on Friday evening in conjunction with the Iowa Conservation Association. Through the courtesy and kindness of their Secretary, Prof. MacDonald, all members of the I.O.U. received invitations and we wish to extend our thanks to the Conservation Association for this as well as other favors shown us throughout the entire joint meeting.

Begin now to plan to attend the meeting next year and I will promise you that you will find that it will be a real treat. Any suggestions for next year's program will be welcomed and will be acted upon early enough to have it ready on time.

Bird Day was observed last year for the first time in Iowa and we trust that all members will see to it that it is properly observed this year through the schools, the press and Clubs, etc. The date is March 21st and as this falls on Saturday this year it will have to be observed on Friday or the following Monday. This we feel is a good way to awaken interest in bird study and bird protection and we should all do our best to boost for Bird Day.

I want to urge also that sectional meetings be held in each of the four sections of the State during the summer months, where all bird lovers get together, and many who could not attend the State Meeting could attend their sectional meeting. For instance Waterloo or Mason City or McGregor in the northeast section, Sioux City or Emmetsburg in the northwest section, Atlantic in the southwest section and Des Moines or Ottumwa or Burlington in the southeast section. If the local clubs in the various sections would each arrange one summer meeting I am sure that many of your officers would attend, and would do their utmost to make your meeting a success. Please take this matter up with either our Secretary, Mrs. H. M.

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Bailey of 2109 Nebraska St., Sioux City, or myself and we will be glad to assist you.

The Cardinals are whistling in the woods, the Blue birds are here with their sweet warbling song and soon the great throng of Warblers and other songsters will be with us so let's enjoy them while we can and here's hoping that you all have a glorious summer with the birds.

Have you paid your 1925 dues yet? If not just send Mrs. Bailey your check to day. It's only fifty cents.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rosene, President.

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

Sioux City, Iowa
July 20, 1925.

Dear Fellow Member:

It has been a long time since a letter has reached you from this office, but there has been little of interest to write. In the last letter, written by our President, the suggestion was made that sectional meetings be held in different corners of the state during the summer. Such a meeting has been held at Atlantic and was a very enjoyable one, but, as far as I know, other sections have not as yet arranged for a meeting.

There will be the usual meeting of the Wild Life School at McGregor and we hope will have a Bird Day on the program, as has been the custom for the last two years at least. The Wild Life School holds, this year, the seventh annual session, August 8-20, and each year is becoming more popular. The classes are made up of people, not only from our state, but other states as well, and every one who attends hopes to be able to come again. Dr. LeRoy Titus Weeks, of our Executive Council, has charge of the bird study.

It is not too early now to plan for the annual meeting of The Iowa Ornithologists' Union for the next year. It seems to be the wish of many present at the last meeting that we have two days for our meetings, one for the program and an all day field trip. This latter is most essential for a meeting of bird lovers, for, aside from the help we receive from others in identifying birds that may be unfamiliar to us, there is a vast amount of good fellowship on such a trip that will bind our members more closely together and mean more enthusiasm for our organization. Such a meeting should be held in May or June.

We have received a very cordial invitation from the Atlantic Bird Club to hold our meeting there in May, 1926, and this should be answered as soon as convenient. They have a very enthusiastic Club there and a very progressive one and I am sure we would enjoy meeting with them. We would be very glad to hear from each member in regard to this, and the questionnaire at the end of the letter is placed there for your convenience if you care to use it.

In closing we wish to call attention to the fine article in the June number of the Wilson Bulletin on the Purple Martin, written by our Treasurer, Mr. Whitney of Atlantic, who has studied colonies of these birds in his own yard for a number of years. As the interest in these beautiful birds has increased greatly in the last few years, especially in the western part of the state, a few suggestions as to starting a colony are of value to those wishing to undertake it.

We hope that all our members are having access to this magazine, for it is not only the official publication of the Wilson Club with which we, as an organization, are affiliated, but it is now published in Iowa by one of the officers of The Iowa Ornithologists' Union and is growing better with every number.

Yours very truly,

Mary L. Bailey, Secretary.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

Shall we accept the invitation to meet in Atlantic in May, 1926?

What other place do you favor for the 1926 meeting?

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

Sioux City, Iowa,
December 5, 1925.

Dear Fellow Member:

Our quarterly letter has been somewhat delayed, but now I have more definite data regarding the meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club at Kansas City, Mo. and I hasten to pass it on to all of our members, for surely we will all want to be there.

We, of the Middle West, are to be congratulated on having secured this meeting this year, as it is the first time it has been held so far west, the last meeting being held at Nashville, Tenn.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club will be held at Kansas City, Mo. on December 28-29 (Monday and Tuesday) in conjunction with The American Association for the Advancement of Science. The American Nature Association, in which many of us are interested, will hold its annual meeting there at the same time as will also the Inland Bird Banding Association, the latter holding meetings and having headquarters in the same place as the W.O.C.

Day sessions of the Wilson Club will be held in the Cabinet Room of the Hotel President, and the evening meeting on Tuesday will be held in the Congress Room of the same hotel. The headquarters of the Wilson Club will be the Hotel Dixon, corner Twelfth and Baltimore, only two blocks from the hotel where the meetings are to be held. This is a new hotel and the rates are reasonable. Single rooms, without bath, are \$1.50 to \$2.00; double, \$2.50 to \$3. With bath, single rooms are \$2.50 to \$3.00; and double, \$4.00 to \$5.00. It will be necessary for those expecting to attend, to MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY as, besides the associations already mentioned, more than thirty other scientific societies are meeting in Kansas City at the same time, and hotels are more than likely to be crowded.

Now as to the railroad rates; all members attending these meetings will be entitled to a rate of one fare and a half for the round trip, on the Certificate plan. Purchase a full fare ticket to Kansas City and ask for the Certificate, not merely a receipt; have the agent fill this out, naming the American Association for the Advancement of Science and associated societies as destination. At Kansas City this Certificate must be validated, full instructions for which will be given at the meeting. With this validated ticket, the return ticket may be purchased for one-half fare. These reduced fare tickets may be purchased from December 24 to 30 and are for return until January 6th.

For the convenience of members in the Dakotas and northwest Iowa the Missouri Pacific is planning to have a Pullman sleeper at Sioux City, either Saturday or Sunday night, which will carry passengers without change, through to Kansas City at the same Pullman rate as from Omaha to Kansas City. It is hoped that enough people will plan to go to this meeting to secure this service. Let us know if you intend to go.

Members of the Wilson Club from Illinois, Iowa, and The Dakotas, from Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas and many other states will be there, and it promises to be a great gathering, a great inspiration, and an unusual opportunity to become acquainted with fine people from other states who have the same hobby that you have.

As for the program, we have as yet only general information, but enough is assured to indicate that this will be the biggest meeting of a scientific nature ever held in the Missouri Valley. There will be

many illustrated talks on birds, some with slides and some with motion pictures.

You can not afford to miss this meeting, come and add your enthusiasm and you will go home stronger and better equipped for the work that lies before you in the new year.

Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas,

Yours very truly,

MARY L. BAILEY,
Secretary, I.O.U.

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

February 6, 1926.

Dear Fellow Member:

A month of the new year has already passed and I trust that you all have plans for improving our organization that you would be glad to see carried out this coming year. We would be glad to have them, and here are a few suggestions.

KANSAS CITY MEETING

The twelfth annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club was held at Kansas City, Mo. Dec. 28 and 29, 1925, and was quite well attended by ornithologists from the middle west. Several of our I.O.U. members were there and they report a very fine meeting. Rev. LeRoy Titus Weeks gave a talk on "Poetry on Wings" and Walter W. Bennett gave an illustrated talk on "Island Bird Life". Prof. Homer Dill was unable to be present.

Now, while it is a long way off, still it might be mentioned here that there is a possibility of this meeting being held in Des Moines in 1929, and we may well start planning for it now, for we want to put Iowa on the "Bird map" in 1929 if they come to our capital city.

BIRD DAY -- MARCH 21ST.

Do not forget that March 21st has been set aside by our legislature as Bird Day, and it is our duty to see to it that this day is observed in our various cities and towns. Begin now to make plans to have talks on birds given before your local schools, Women's Clubs, Izaak Walton League Chapter and any other place where the subject of the protection, preservation and study of birds may be brought before the public. Do not forget the radio.

A STATE BIRD FOR IOWA

The members of the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union, which is now over 20 years old, have worked out a number of good things, and one of their latest is the selecting of a State Bird, which is creating a good deal of interest. They seem to favor the Western Meadowlark, but it has not, as yet, been decided. If each state has it's State Flower why should we not have a State Bird? It would be interesting to hear from all our members in regard to this matter and I would welcome letters offering suggestions.

BIRD NOTES.

The Nebraska Union also issues a bulletin similar to our bulletins, only they have four pages. One page and a little more is given to announcements and other business pertaining to their work, and the balance is used for "Bird Notes" which prove very interesting indeed. This is something which I think we should all copy in Iowa and I am sure we will all benefit by it.

I know each one of you had some unusual observation last year and I would like to have them sent to me at once so that I can arrange to have them in the next letter which will be issued early in March. Perhaps you have had some surprises at your feeding table this winter, but send me only the unusual records as those are the ones that will be of the most interest to others. Your name and address will also be published as this will give our members a chance to know how close at hand other members may be. I think our full membership should be published at some future time but let us have the Bird Notes first. I know you all have some good ones you wish to tell us about, so please send them in and address them to me at Ogden, and later you will be favored with a tabulated

list of very interesting observations.

DUES FOR 1926.

The dues for 1926 are due and payable on January first and as this is our only source of revenue with which to pay postage and stationery bills, please send your check for fifty cents to Mrs. H. M. Bailey, 2109 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

If you do not have the Wilson Bulletin, which is our official publication, send your check for \$1.50 to Mr. Ben J. Blincoe, R.F.D. 13, Dayton, Ohio, and this will make you an Associate member and entitle you to receive the bulletin for 1926. If you wish to become an Active member send \$2.50. Please remember that all members of the I.O.U. are not required to subscribe for the Bulletin but it would be fine if everyone received the magazine which publishes our proceedings and articles by our members.

Plan now to attend our annual meeting which will not be held this year in conjunction with the Iowa Conservation Association, but for which plans will be announced in our next letter.

Yours truly,

W. M. ROSENE,
President.

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

LETTER OF INFORMATION NO. 15
"State Bird"

April 1st, 1926.

The mention of a State Bird in our last letter brought a few suggestions but not as many as we should have, and not enough to get a general idea as to the opinion of the majority of our members.

Mrs. Frankel of Des Moines writes "Please choose an all year round bird for Iowa - Downy Woodpecker or Chickadee."

Mrs. E. R. King of Sioux City says "I think the Chickadee very good for a state bird for it is here all the year."

From Miss Althea R. Sherman of National came the following "For Iowa's "State Bird" the Goldfinch is suggested. A beautiful bird, easily recognized by every one, it is of common occurrence in most parts of our State throughout the entire year."

These nominations are very good but we should hear from at least fifty more members. Let's have your nomination promptly and perhaps this might be brought up at our meeting at Atlantic.

ANNUAL MEETING

The dates for the annual meeting have finally been decided for May 14-May 15th, these dates being on Friday and Saturday.

Friday forenoon will be occupied mainly for registration and getting acquainted and the regular program will start immediately afternoon.

A number of good papers have already been promised by members from over the State and these together with the election of officers will occupy the entire afternoon. This will be followed by a banquet in the evening and later an evening program when we are hoping to have an illustrated lecture - all of course on birds.

Saturday morning will find us all up with the sun and out for an early morning field trip, and this should be a great event as it will be the first field trip ever held at an annual meeting. The committee on "flap jacks" has not been appointed but we presume that our Atlantic members will arrange that part of the program. The remainder of Saturday will be occupied with other field trips around Atlantic and during the day the various parties will depart for the different parts of the State. We suggest that you plan now to go to Atlantic and help make this a successful meeting, as the Bird Club there are working very hard and planning a fine entertainment. Plan for auto parties, as rail connections sometimes are not to our liking, but you can always arrange for auto trips and make your own schedules. Make these plans now and load up the "flivver" to its capacity with bird lovers of your town whether they be members or not. Perhaps they will be when they return.

"BIRD NOTES"

Our first request for bird notes brought a number of interesting items as follows:

Mr. T. H. Whitney of Atlantic reports the Northern Shrike there this winter.

Miss Kathleen Hempel of Elkader one of our enthusiastic bird banders had the unusual experience of banding a White Breasted Nuthatch which had three legs. This was both interesting and unusual and we appreciate items of this kind as many of our members keep these letters, and these records through a number of years will contain considerable valuable information.

Mrs. F. May Tuttle of Osage, reports observing a flock of thirty or forty Cedar Waxwings feeding on frozen apples, a favorite winter feed.

C. J. Spiker of Morningside College in a walk of 55 miles on Feb. 12-13-14 observed a Kingfisher, Harlan Hawk and Bohemian Waxwing. We are very anxious to learn of other observations of the Bohemian Waxwings in Iowa.

E. D. Nauman of Sigourney reported a male Towhee on Jan. 31st and an Evening Grosbeak on Jan. 1st and it remained for several days. Another extremely interesting Iowa record. If you have listed an Evening Grosbeak this winter please report it as this is a rare and unusual occurrence.

Dr. Weeks of Tabor reports that "while out east along the Nishnabotna River I heard a gang of crows swearing about something and thought I would sneak around as close as I could, and see. When I was within about seventy five yards of them, a great horned owl flew laboriously away and I thought my game was up, but not so. I noticed that most of the crows still remained, still keeping up their profanity so I pussyfooted along until within about fifty yards when I could make out an unusually large goshawk. When it flew I still thought it a goshawk; but it happened to fly across a patch of sky that was free from intervening limbs and I saw that it was a bald eagle."

Two bald eagles have been shot near Ogden this winter. Be sure to report all your good observations and do not fail to meet us all in Atlantic.

Yours very truly,

W. M. ROSENE, President.

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS UNION

June 15, 1926 -

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 Dr. F. J. Becker,
 Atlantic, Iowa.
 Weir R. Mills,
 Pierson, Iowa.

The fourth annual meeting of the Iowa Ornithological Union was held in Atlantic, May 14th and 15th. Members present, including those resident in Atlantic, totaled about forty, and many non-members attended all the public meetings. A fine program was given, ending in the evening of May 14th with an illustrated lecture by Dr. Stephens of Morningside College, on Antarctic Penguins. This lecture, in the exact and scholarly style, which characterizes all of Dr. Stephens' work, was greatly enjoyed by the large audience which had assembled in the church, by invitation to the general public. Previous to his lecture, a banquet was served to all members of the I.O.U. and Atlantic Bird Club, at which about 75 were present. Following the banquet, while still seated at the tables, an impromptu program of short talks was given by President Rosene, Dr. Weeks, and others. The inimitable Dr. Weeks charmed everyone, as usual, by reciting several of his poems.

The following morning, about forty gathered at Sunnyside Park, at 5 a.m., for the field trip; small parties were made up under the leadership of Dr. Stephens, Dr. Weeks, Chas. Spiker, DuMont and Nelson, and these parties scattered over the country in different directions. The morning was perfect as to weather, and - In Iowa - May is the most beautiful month of the year - Iowa, at that time, is the most beautiful land in the world, as we all know. The pink flush of wild crab; greenish white of haw-trees; sweet scents of plum and wild cherry, mingled with the chorus of birds, and all the varying fresh greens of new leaves, made an enchanting landscape from which it was hard to turn to serious work of bird study. Eighty-eight species were noted which was considered a satisfactory number, especially as few water birds were found. At 7:30 a.m., all the parties returned to the pavilion in Sunnyside Park, where a beautiful picnic breakfast was ready. At the tables, and afterward, observations were compared and experiences exchanged; a group picture taken, and then the happy company dispersed. Some of the out-of-town visitors were taken for a ride around the city, visiting some of the homes of local bird lovers, while Messrs. Nelson, Spiker and Mills enjoyed a season of music on the Congregational pipe organ.

The Atlantic Bird Club, under whose auspices the meeting was held, felt highly honored by the attendance and apparent

good will of their visitors and the opinion appears unanimous that it is to the advantage of the Union to hold its meetings in May, when the birds are at their height in number and variety, in various parts of the state, thereby giving those who regularly attend, an opportunity of studying the birds of other places besides their own home locality.

Bird Notes - -

1. Mrs. Lee, of Atlantic, contributes the following: Chickadee, W.B. Nuthatch, Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers, Flicker, Cardinal, Junco, Brown Creeper, Blue Jay, Goldfinch, and Tree Sparrow-at her winter feeding tables. Early this spring Mrs. Lee planted two Russian Olive Trees to attract the Wax Wings, as per suggestion of Chas. Spiker, and the next day after the trees were planted, notwithstanding their dormancy, two Wax Wings appeared, and later nine more. Mrs. Lee has one feeding shelf close by the kitchen window, and finds she can discourage the Sparrows by tapping on the glass, which does not, however, drive away the native winter birds.

2. On the field trip of the I.O.U., an enthusiastic bird student saw moving against the background of a wild crab - in full bloom - a glowing coal of bright red fire; a moment more, and this moving glow proved to be the breast of a ruby throated humming bird. The green plumage of the bird and the rapid motion of its wings, made it blend with the tree so as to be invisible, except the red spot and the marvelous color of the throat was apparently suspended in the air. The wonderful sex appeal of the Ruby throat's coloring was forcibly demonstrated.

3. Sunday, May 16th, twenty members of the Atlantic Bird Club again arose with the sun, and started from Atlantic at 5:30 a.m., for the Fontanelle Forest Reserve, south of Omaha, on another Bird Hike. The morning hours were spent in this wonderful forest, consisting of about 2000 acres along the bluffs on the west side of the Missouri. The woods were full of Red Starts and other warblers, and in the ravines, Cardinals, Ovenbirds, Wood Thrushes and Vireos filled the air with song. The Arkansas King Bird was noted, and several other species not found before. About 3 p.m., all adjourned to Elmwood Park, in the western part of Omaha, where a bountiful picnic dinner was prepared by the ladies, and full justice done to it by everyone. Starting home about 5 p.m., a storm dispersed the cars - two returning to Council Bluffs, one remaining in Carson, and two by another route.

We are indebted to Mr. T. H. Whitney and his Atlantic Iowa Bird Club, for the interesting material in this June Bulletin.

Mr. W. M. Rosene - President

Kenneth R. Nelson - Secretary.

June 14, 1927.

Fellow Members of the I.O.U. -

The newly elected officers of our Union ask your hearty co-operation for the year's work. As your president, I do not feel that I have the qualifications of my predecessor. Mr. Rosene is one of our unusual men in bird work; he not only does more work than most of us - in this field, but he also has the faculty of inspiring others. We were fortunate that we should have him as our president for four years, and the splendid success and growth of our organization is greatly due to his work. Mr. Rosene promises to give his constant help and advice as before - - he is close to us so we will call upon him often. We are fortunate to have the help of Mr. Nelson who has done so much during the last year to get the bulletins to you.

With the history of our organization and the splendid membership we now have, I am looking forward to a great year for the I.O.U.

A. J. Palas.

The fifth annual convention of the I.O.U., held in Des Moines on the days - April 30 and May 1, proved to be the largest and finest of all past meetings.

Following registration, which was held at the Savery Hotel, the afternoon assembly of the 30th was called to order by the president, Walter Rosene. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. A. J. Palas, and the response by Dr. Becker, of Atlantic. Proceedings of the afternoon were as follows:

1. Report of President.....Walter Rosene.
2. Report of Secretary.....Kenneth Nelson.
3. Report of Treasurer.....A. J. Palas.
4. "The Birds of New York".....Phil DuMont.
5. Lecture by Dr. Roberts, of Spirit Lake:
"Shore Birds - particularly the Spotted Sandpiper". The first appearance of Dr. Roberts, newly elected treasurer, was indeed one of expressed merit and authority on the subject of his lecture. We shall look forward to his next lecture with pleasure.
6. Officers elected for the new year were:

Arthur J. Palas, Des Moines, President.
Mrs. Mary L. Baily, Sioux City, Vice Pres.
Kenneth Nelson, Des Moines, Secretary.
Dr. F.L.R. Roberts, Spirit Lake, Treasurer.

Executive Council (Walter Rosene, Ogden.
(Mrs. J. E. Stewart, Des Moines.
(Mrs. C. W. Jones, Ames.

7. By vote of the convention, the dues for 1927 shall be 50 cents. But beginning January 1st, 1928- Annual dues of the I.O.U. shall be \$1.00.

The afternoon session closed with a splendid one of the carefully prepared slide lectures by Walter Bennett, of Sioux City. The title given the lecture was "Hunting with a Camera".

Saturday evening, April 30 - Banquet at Grant Club.

1. Meeting Called to order by Toastmaster, Harold Bruner.
2. Outline for coming year, by President Arthur J. Palas.
3. Report of Resolutions Committee by T. C. Stephens, of Sioux City.
4. The feature of the convention was the presence and lecture of Dr. William T. Harnaday, of New York.
 - (a) The Greeting to Dr. Harnaday was given by Rev. George Bennett, of Iowa City.
 - (b) Mr. Rosene, of Ogden, introduced Dr. Harnaday.

Dr. Harnaday's lecture contained in detail the situation of Iowa and the middle west in its relation with wild life and conservation. The lecture was indeed a grand climax to all that the I.O.U. has attempted and hoped for in the way of conservation for the past year.

On Sunday morning, May 1st, at 5:30 a.m., the various parties scattered from the Savery Hotel, for the annual field trip. Various districts about Des Moines were carefully covered before the groups returned to McRao Park for the May morning breakfast. Dr. Harnaday was among the very large number assembled in and about the log cabin.

Following the breakfast, the following collective bird list was compiled from the various observations of the morning: 83 species - - Horned Grebe; Pied-billed Grebe; Baldpate; Blue-winged Teal; Shoveller; Ring-necked Duck; Lesser Scaup Duck; American Coot; Great Blue Heron; Sora Rail; Wilson Snip; Pectoral Sandpiper; Killdeer; Mourning Dove; Bob White; Cooper Hawk; Broad Winged Hawk; Sparrow Hawk; Yellow Billed Cuckoo; Belted Kingfisher; Downy Woodpecker; Red-headed Woodpecker; Northern Flicker; Chimney Swift; Kingbird; Crested Flycatcher; Phoebe; Prairie Horned Lark; Blue-jay; Crow; Cowbird; Yellow-headed Blackbird; Red-winged Blackbird; Western Meadowlark; Eastern Meadowlark; Orchard Oriole; Bronzed Grackle; Goldfinch; Lark Sparrow; White crowned Sparrow; Chipping Sparrow; Tree Sparrow; White throated Sparrow; Field Sparrow; Lincoln Sparrow; Swamp Sparrow; Towhee; Cardinal; Rose-breasted Grosbeak; Purple Martin; BarnSwallow; Bank Swallow; Rough-winged Swallow; Tree Swallow; Migrant Shrike; Red-eyed Vireo; Blue-headed Vireo; Black and White Warbler; Tennessee Warbler; Yellow Warbler; Myrtle Warbler; Magnolia Warbler; Blackburnian Warbler; Palm Warbler; Prairie Warbler; Louisiana Water Thrush; Maryland Yellow-Throat; Rodstart; Catbird; Brown Thrasher; House Wren; Prairie-marsh Wren; White-breasted Nut-hatch; Tufted Titmouse; Black-capped Chickadee; Ruby crowned Kinglet; Wood Thrush; Robin; Bluebird.

Kindly make it your occasional duty to inform the secretary of your observations, unusual and otherwise, so that they may be printed and circulated to the members of the organization; for it is this sort of material that is of constant interest to all, particularly when it comes from various sections of the state.

The convention was indeed a pleasure and a success to those who attended, and the Des Moines Club expresses its appreciation for the manner in which the various sections of the state were prepared.

Best wishes for a prosperous summer

A. J. Palas,
President.

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To the Members of the I.O.U.-

Dear Friends:

The beginning "climax week" in the fall bird movement arrived in Iowa, the latter part of last week. These first few days, mainly since Thursday, Sept. 29th, have kept the field students on their toes constantly, in order to "catch" everything. The peak is by no means coming to a close at present, however, as the recent warm weather has held things up to a great extent. But - with rain and cooler weather, as has been the case during the last week, the bubble is sure to break most everywhere and should bring many unusual records from all sections. It is the hope of everyone that the society may issue a "Warbler" bulletin on Nov. 10th, containing observation records for this fall from all over the state. Please do not wait for us to write for your records, but send them to the secretary by November 5th so that the Warbler Sheet will reach everyone on time. Give the names of the warblers observed and, to some extent, the number seen. For instance: Mr. A. T. Watson and Mr. Nelson of Des Moines have observed the following warblers during the last two days: 1. Black and White (common) (2) Nashville-common- (3) Tennessee (4) Magnolia (5) Black Throated Green (6) Oven Bird-common- (7) American Redstart (8) Myrtle Warbler (9) Palm Warbler (10) Canadian Warbler (11) Connecticut Warbler-several- Please, let's have them.

The nest and young of the Blue Winged Warbler were found and photographed by Sec. Nelson, at the Boy Scout Camp, near the Ledges on June 20th. Needless to say the adult birds were elusive, and altho the approximate (within 12 ft) location of the nest was known, it could not be located until - while hunting for it - stumbled on the exact spot just in time to snap several shots of the young birds before they "hopped off", within thirty minutes after the discovery. The adult birds are most persistent about remaining with the young birds during the presence of intruders so that along with the young ones, the trim, buzzing mature songsters were included in several of the pictures. After

searching the entire field for two days - and combing the entire area without success, we - including a group of thirty scouts from the camp, found the nest of a Bobolink with eggs and young. Altho 4 pairs of the adult birds were nesting in the field, only one nest was found, and that with the most careful searching. Good pictures of the young, nest and eggs were obtained, but in extreme contrast with the Blue winged warbler mentioned before; these adult birds were never to be found near the nest, attempting to protect the young during the picture-taking process; altho the old birds knew we were at the nest, they remained always at a distance of at least 40 feet, with their mouths filled with worms and insects for the nestlings.

The School of Wild Life Protection held at McGregor, August 7 to 18 inclusive. Dr. George Bennett, founder of the school, was present throughout. Dr. G. F. Kay served as Dean. Dr. H. C. Oberholser of the U.S. Biological Survey, assisted greatly in the management of the school. He gave several interesting talks - one being "The Lure of the Waterfowl". Dr. L. H. Pammel, of Ames, spoke on Plant Life. Dr. Bohumil Shimek spoke of Mother Earth, topography being his general theme. Prof. Paddick, of Ames, spoke on Butterflies and Bees. Prof. I. T. Bode, of Ames, treated Forestry subjects, and gave a splendid talk on Nut Trees of Iowa. Dr. A. A. Thomas, of Iowa City, spoke on The History of The Earth. Dr. Gilmore spoke of The Museum of the American Indian, in New York City and Dr. C. R. Keys, of Mount Vernon made the lure of the American more stirring and led those who wished to go, to nearby Indian mounds. Mr. O. M. Schantz of Chicago, had charge of the bird work. He gave a number of highly illustrated lectures. All this instruction led hikers to study their respective problems and hobbies in nearby fields and hills.

Excursions were made to Painted Rocks, Pike's Peak, Yellow River, Ice Cave, Clam Beds, Lotus Fields, Winneshiek Bottoms to Lansing where the Great Blue Herons are especially numerous. One whole day was spent at Back-bone Park in Deleware County, said to be not only the first but the most comprehensive and beautiful of all state parks. Over 200 attended the school, 20 of whom were from Des Moines.

Mrs. Gertrude Mansfield Cole, of Clinton - Author of the "10 Yr. Bird Calendar" published and dedicated to the Boy Scouts of Clinton, has taken membership in the State Society for 1928. This book is carefully compiled and contains all possible occurrences for Iowa, arranged in the North American check list form. Walter Rosene has used the book for 10 years for field records and is starting a new one in 1928 for the ensuing sessions. Many others have voiced the merit of Mrs. Cole's calendar. It sells for only 50¢ and every Bird student in the State should possess one. Address: Mrs. Gertrude Mansfield Cole - 2114 North 2nd, Clinton, Iowa.

We have all read about the dances of some of the water and shore birds and when first reading that the Killdeer at times performed a dance, I was much interested for here was a bird so common that a person should be privileged to see its dance. This treat came

to Mrs. Palas and me, last June.

On June 23rd, we were on the road about ten miles southeast of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin; when crossing a small bridge, we heard the familiar song or call of the Killdeer. At a distance of about fifty yards from us were five birds hopping, bobbing, running and calling. Four of them were usually in a line side by side, but all were in motion. They hopped and ran out of line but would soon be back in formation. Repeatedly a bird would turn one fourth the way round, face the side of his neighbor and then jump over the neighbor's back again assuming his position in the line, facing the same direction as the others. While they seemed quite unconcerned about us, they were facing us all the time when in line. This was also about the direction of the sun. The fifth member was also hopping, bobbing, running and calling, always quite apart from the formation of the quartette. We were unable to determine whether he was a necessary adjunct to the whole performance or whether he was a non-conformist. The dance was held on a sand-bar along a small clear-water creek. We watched them for about ten minutes and left feeling that we had been favored with a real treat.

(A. J. Palas.)

By Kenneth R. Nelson, Sec.

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS UNION
January 1, 1928

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With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Christmas census is completed by Des Moines Audubon Society. 31 species of birds were discovered within an eight mile radius of the city, by the Audubon Society, in its 27th Annual Bird Census. Species listed - Mallard Duck, 2; Quail, 68; Broad-winged Hawk, 2; Red Shouldered Hawk, 1; Sparrow Hawk; 1; Cooper's Hawk, 3; Screech Owl, 2; Barred Owl, 2; Great Horned Owl, 2; King Fisher, 1; Hairy Wood-pecker, 37; Downy Woodpecker, 77; Red-headed Woodpecker, 50; Red-bellied Woodpecker, 17; Flicker, 16; Prairie Horned Lark, 14; Blue-Jay, 105; Crow, 78; Bronzed Grackle, 1; Purple Finch, 16; Red Poll, 6; Gold Finch, 102; Tree Sparrow, 198; Slate Colored Junco, 317; Song Sparrow, 15; Cardinal, 113; Carolina Wren, 3; Brown Creeper, 11; White-breasted Nut-Hatch, 135; Tufted Titmouse, 128; Chickadee, 462.

Mr. Walter Rosene and Robert Walker report the following records for the Christmas Census at Ogden; Quail, 12; Prairie Chicken, 20; Red Tailed Hawk, 3; Hairy Woodpecker, 3; Down, 5; Red-bellied; 2; Flicker, 1; Prairie Horned Lark, 5; Blue Jay, 7; Crow, 5; Goldfinch, 2; Lapland Longspur, 100; Tree Sparrow, 64; Cardinal, 2; Crow, 16; Whitebreasted Nuthatch, 5; Titmouse, 3; Chickadee, 15.

Two programs for 1928 - that of the Sioux City Bird Club and the Des Moines Audubon Society, were available at the time of printing this bulletin, and are included:

1928 Program of the Des Moines Audubon Society-

1. Jan 2 - Holiday party. Reports on the Des Moines Christmas Census Party, to be held at the home of Mrs. Wendelburg.
2. Jan 25- Lecture by Prof. Homer Dill, of the University of Iowa. Subject - "Birds of The Laysan Islands".
3. Feb 27- Bird Legislation in The United States - Mr. Howard Bump. Questions on Conservation, by Mrs. Henry Frankel. Mrs. J. E. Stewart, Hostess.
4. Mar 26- Historical Sketch of Audubon, and The Extinct Birds of Iowa, by State Curator Harlan. Session held at State Historical Bldg.

5. Apr 23- Bird Study in Des Moines Schools - Junior Audubon Members, directed by Miss Minnie Youngerman; to be held at Public Library.
6. May 28- Spring Picnic. Annual Election and sketch of Spring Field Trips, by Mrs. A. J. Palas.

Field Trips planned by Des Moines: March 4th, Boue Bird Trip.
April 15th, Drive to Long Pond, located Southwest of Perry.
May 13th, Morning Breakfast and Warbler Trip.

A feature of the year is to be the lecture on Jan. 21st, by William Finley, from the Pacific Coast. Mr. Finley is a professional lecturer, writer for Nature Magazine, and Director of Wild Life Conservation in Oregon. His topic for the evening will be upon the Finley Church Expedition to the Beering Sea, including five reels of movies. The lecture will be held in the Drake University Auditorium - admission 50 cents - children 25 cents; everyone welcome.

The 1928 Program of the Sioux City Bird Club is as follows:

1. Jan 10 - Public Essay Contest; Subject: "why Birds Should be Protected". Awarding of prizes, reading of essays.
2. Feb 14 - Economic Value of Birds - Hawks and Owls.....
By Mrs. E. A. Fields
Black Birds-----
By Prof. S. C. Steinbrenner
The English Sparrow-----
By Bess McCauley
3. Mar 13- "Birds Afield", an illustrated lecture by W. M. Rosene, of Ogden, for three years president of the Iowa Ornithologists Union.
4. Apr 10 - How to Attract Birds-
Types of Bird Homes-----
By Mrs. E. R. King
Shrubbery That Attracts-----
By Weir Mills, of Pierson, Iowa
Traps for Banding-----
By Mrs. J. A. Dales
5. May 8 - Special Reports of Field Trips and election of officers.
6. May 30 - Decoration Day Field Trip.

The Fall Warbler Records, submitted by F. May Tuttle, of Osage, Iowa, seen in her own yard: (Aug. 28 to Oct. 9)

Yellow Warbler; Redstart; Wilsons; Maryland Yellow throat; Black and White; Tennessee; Nashville; Mourning; Black Throated Green; Oven Bird.

The following Warbler Records from George E. Bentley, of Boone, Iowa: (Oct. 1, to Oct. 16).

Black and White; Prothonotary; Worm eating; Bay-breasted; Tennessee; Nashville; Myrtle; Black Burnian; Connecticut; Redstart; Oven Bird.

Walter Rosene, of Ogden, reported the Blackpole, Myrtle and Tennessee Warblers, from Oct. 11 to 18th.

Mr. A. T. Watson and Kenneth Nelson, of Des Moines, recorded the Black and White; Nashville; Black Throated Green; Oven Bird; Magnolia; Redstart; Myrtle; Connecticut; Tennessee; Blackpole; Mourning.

Philip A. DuMont is spending his second year in New York City. Phil is well known to the members of the I.O.U., having appeared on annual programs and Field Trips; and for his thesis on the "Birds of Iowa" written at the time of his graduation from Drake University. We are glad to note Mr. DuMont's rapid progress and to have the following article concerning his work in New York, as submitted by Mrs. DuMont - Phil's Mother - also a member of the I.O.U: Since last fall Phil DuMont has been at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, in the capacity of assistant to Dr. Murphy, the curator of marine birds. At present, his particular duty is to unpack the birds sent in by the Whitney expedition. This expedition is financed by Harry Payne Whitney, who has been in the islands of the Southern Pacific the past seven years. A detailed description may be found in the October 1925 National Geographic Magazine.

The birds came in cases, stuffed with excelsior, a tag on the leg indicates the sex, time taken, from which island, color of the eye. Phil's job is to enter, classify as nearly as possible, and repack in air tight cases. There are over 200 such cases-full. Some of the species are Fruit Pigeons, Parakoots; and tropic birds of gorgeous plumage; while - just now - a lot of fly-catchers are being worked over, which contain many more subspecies than have been found in any previous fly-catcher records or reports. None of the material from this expedition is yet mounted for display. There is much work to be done before that time comes.

Phil attended the American Ornithologist's Union meeting in Washington, D.C., early in November. He writes that Mr. Walter Bennett, of Sioux City, has a prominent place on the program with his illustrated lecture of "Island Bird Life in North Dakota", and that when his picture of the avocet was thrown on the screen the applause was the longest, loudest, and most spontaneous of the whole meeting. On his way home, Mr. Bennett called at the museum and Phil was delighted with the opportunity of showing him around. This year, as last, he is helping Mr. J. T. Nichols compile the reports of the Christmas Census as they come in, and the ones from Iowa are the ones that claim his special attention.

By notices of the 1927 Convention at Des Moines, it was voted that the Annual Dues, beginning Jan. 1, 1928, for the I.O.U., shall be \$1.00.

It is time to have in mind the date of our annual meeting for the coming spring. Some of our members expressed a desire that they would like to meet again with the Iowa Conservation Association, and this had the unanimous endorsement of our officers and executive board. This was all however, with the understanding that it would be necessary for us to procure a spring date favorable to our annual bird hike, in connection with our meeting; for this hike has become a very important feature of our

meeting. With this in mind, we have put the proposition up to Dr. G.B. McDonald, secretary of the Iowa Conservation Association. He favors a joint meeting at Ames and is glad to accommodate us with a date that is desirable for our purposes. We will try to procure either May 4, 5, and 6; or May 11, 12, and 13. Further information on this matter will be sent as soon as final arrangements are made for the meeting. In the meantime, it is hoped that a large number of our members can make arrangements to attend our annual meeting, so that the 1928 meeting may be the best ever.

Although it is a long time in the future to think of the dates of December 27, 1929, to January 2, 1930- we want the members to know that an event important to nature lovers for the state of Iowa, will take place on those dates. The American Association for Advancement of Science has selected the above dates for its annual meeting in two years from now, to take place in Des Moines, Iowa. It has been the custom for some time for the Wilson Ornithological Club to meet with the A.A.A.S. every other year when such meeting can be held in the Central West. The two associations are meeting this year at Nashville, Tenn.; and so it is to be expected that the Wilson Ornithological Club will be favorable to meet in Des Moines in two years from now. We have been in touch with all of our officers on this matter and we have extended an invitation on behalf of the I.O.U. to the Wilson Ornithological Club to meet with us in two years from now. The Des Moines Audubon Society joined in this invitation to the Wilson Ornithological Club. We may expect to hear from the W.O.C. after their annual meeting, as to what action they have taken on this invitation. In the meantime it is not too early for all of us to have these dates in mind for is this is a very important event in which all of our members are deeply interested.

We extend to you our wishes for a very Prosperous Bird Year.

Sincerely,

A. J. Palas - President.

Kenneth R. Nelson - Secretary.

Ornithologist's Bulletin
April 7, 1928.

It is time again for you to be thinking of our annual meeting, which this year will be held in conjunction with the Iowa Conservation Association at Ames, Iowa, and the dates are set for May 11 and 12. The Iowa Conservation Association has been very generous in according to us the privilege of setting the date for the convention. Since the hike in connection with our annual meeting has become a big feature of the meeting, this was a great favor to us, and we want to show to the Iowa Conservation Association that we appreciate their favor, by a large representation at the Ames meeting. The dates are excellent for bird observation and we should have a wonderful hike, as well as a fine program for these dates. The hike will be at the Ledges State Park which is not so far from Ames. Be sure to plan your month of May by including your attendance at this annual meeting.....A. J. Palas, President.

Dr. W. T. Hornaday has requested that a list of those birds which have practically disappeared from Iowa be compiled and sent to him. He is so closely associated with Iowa and he has given his life to conservation, therefore, it is little enough to do this, just because he asks it, but we will also be leaving a valuable record of bird life to the bird lovers who come after us. Because of your interest in general and bird life in particular, you will appreciate the value of such a list, and we hope will be glad to help us. If so, will you, from your observations and records, make a list of birds, either migrants or residents, (a) extinct, (b) once plentiful, now rarely seen. Please send to address below:

Mrs. W. G. DuMont, 2700-49th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Dr. F. L. R. Roberts, bird authority and treasurer of the Iowa Ornithologist union, has banded many birds and later heard of their being found in various states, but he has just received notice of one that has probably traveled farther than any other. Dr. Roberts banded and set free a bronzed grackle on June 8th, 1927, and received a card Monday, stating that the bird had been caught in a bird trap at Beaumont, Tex., on February 7, 1928, by R. E. Harder, also a bird authority. The work of banding birds is carried on under the direction of the United States Biological survey, and reports of banding and the numbers on the band are sent to Washington, D.C., by Dr. Roberts. He bands several hundred birds each year, catching them in a baited trap and then releases them after banding. Dr. Roberts believes that perhaps this particular bird has been as far as South America and at this time of the year was just returning north.

On Wednesday morning, March 16, Walter Bennett and I spent six hours in the field and observed over 7000 geese in migration. It was the most inspiring sight I ever saw in bird life. Blue, Canadian, Snow and Whitefronted in flocks of from 25 up to 800. They had no doubt followed the Missouri all the way up and were northward bound. It was more geese than I had seen in all my life together before.

On April 1st, a party of Des Moines Audubon Club members journeyed to "Long Pond", twelve miles south west of Perry, for a day of waterfowl observation. Conditions were excellent and the following were observed: Shoveller, Blue-winged Teal, Mallard, Baldpate, Green-winged Teal, Pintail, Redhead, Canvas Back, Lesser Scaup Duck, Ring Necked Duck, Buffle Head, Old Squaw, Ruddy Duck, American Merganser, Blue Goose, White Fronted Goose, - Total 14 Ducks, 2 Geese.

Shovellers, Mallards, Baldpates, Teal and Scaups were among the most common for the day. Three flocks of Blue Geese of from 7 to 15 each, and two flocks of White fronts of about 25 each, visited the lake during the day and continued on to the north.

In addition to the above, the Coot, Lesser Yellow Legs, Great Blue Heron and Wilson Snipe were recorded from the lake.

Mr. Walter Rosene, Junior Rosene, Robert Walker and brother drove from Ogden to take part in the days trip with the Des Moines party. There have been many requests for the publication of dates and approximate numbers of waterfowl migrants this spring. This should be done. Will you send, immediately, your records to the Secretary so this material may be compiled and printed? Everyone must be concerned of course, to make the survey general over the State. Such cities as Spirit Lake, Dubuque, Burlington, Clinton, Sioux City, Ogden, Atlantic, Cresco and Des Moines along with others, should score heavily. Have your reports mailed not later than April 25, and include all water birds seen.

During a four weeks tour through the south-west to California with the Drake Quartette, Secretary Nelson added to his years Iowa list, 60 additional species. Of the seven states traversed New Mexico yielded the greatest number of species and individuals, 36 of the 60 total were found in the Cactus State. California stood second.

The Alkali lakes along the Rio Grande were covered with migrating Ducks; among them the following: Ruddy, Shoveller, Mallard, Lesser Scaup, Baldpate, Pintail, Canada Goose, and the Cinnamon Teal which rarely reaches Iowa.

Three different Juncos, the Pink sided, Oregon and Gray headed were common in addition to the Slate Colored of the east. The pink sides, or Montana Junco, is often found in company with large flocks of Slate Colored Juncos, in Iowa.

Records of the Common Magpie of the mountains, in Iowa, are very few. The division of the Ranges of Eastern and western Meadow Larks is of course through central Iowa, so that in the greater portion of the state we have, to a more or less degree, the common Meadow Lark of the west.

Records of birds from western ranges which have strayed into Iowa are of importance and should be mailed in for publication. Birds remain quite closely in their own respective ranges and paths of travel and when they are irregular in this respect there is usually a reason. The Magpie, Cinnamon Teal, Mockingbird, Western Juncos, etc., are examples of irregular ones in Iowa. There are many others. Please

let us have such records as they encourage more extensive study on the part of everyone.

All members should make plans for the State Convention to be held at Ames, May 11 and 12. In addition to the splendid lectures to be given, these dates fall at time of migration climax for central Iowa. The field trip is to be held in and about the beautiful Ledges State Park, where all birds are attracted by the variety of territory which it includes. Centrally located, Ames will not be over a half day's drive for the majority of our members. Everyone mark May 11 and 12 as "positively" reserved for the annual convention. Several have not submitted the 1928 dues to date, which are \$1.00 - surely this is but an oversight and should be checked up soon. Awaiting immediate reports from everyone concerning waterbirds and "rare" Iowa visitors, we remain,

Most sincerely,
Arthur J. Palas, President.
Kenneth R. Nelson, Secretary.

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Des Moines, Iowa, September 19, 1928.

By this time we have had our vacations and are at our more or less regular work. In the work for the coming year, have we planned enough time for systematic bird study?

Miss Althea Sherman in her excellent letter of greeting to the members of the I. O. U. read at our Ledges Park meeting last May urged all to keep systematic records of bird observations. Records made at time of observation become valuable in the future.

Mr. Kenneth Nelson, whose bulletins we have all enjoyed during the last two years has gone to New York City for study. We shall miss the "pep" of our former Secretary. We know that in the future we shall hear of him in some line of ornithology.

It was my good fortune to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Pierce of Winthrop last spring. I hope that in the future we may be able to plan enough fall or winter meetings of our Union so that our members from the farms may be afforded the chance to meet with us. Most of you will recall with what regularity Mr. Pierce reports the Great Horned Owl in the Bird Lore Christmas Bird Census. On May 17th a pair of these owls were in the exact clump of trees where Fred thought they might be found, so when he reports the Great Horned Owl we may rest assured it is no accident. Fred knows his birds.

Speaking of fall or winter meetings of the I.O.U., it is also quite certain that our club will want to maintain the annual May meeting, on account of the spring migration interest. Our Bird Hike at the Ledges State Park under the leadership of that Veteran of Iowa Bird Lovers, Carl Fritz Henning, was a grand success. One winter meeting for all Iowa Bird people to have in mind even at this early date is the meeting of the American Association for Advancement of Science together with the Wilson Ornithologists Club in December 1929, at Des Moines, Ia.

On May 15th last I had the pleasure to see the American Golden Plover in large numbers in Payette County. I had not seen these birds in migration since I was a youth on the farm in Clayton County. I also enjoyed hearing and seeing Prairie Chickens on this trip. It is to be hoped that a few of these birds may be retained within this State, but it will be upon us to keep the present permanent closed season, for with an open season on these birds the last remnant would disappear from our State.

Reverend George Bennett of Iowa City died at McGregor, Iowa, August 16, 1928, at the age of 75 years. His work was ended amid the scenes of his labors during the 10 annual sessions of the American School of Wild Life Protection. It was mostly through his efforts that the Wild Life School was founded, and by him together with the fine cooperation of the citizens of McGregor and the instructors and lecturers the school has been made a great success. Reverend Bennett has long been active in the work of conservation in this State and he will be missed by all of our organizations for Wild Life Protection. He was an active member of the I. O. U. since its organization.

The 1928 annual meeting of our Union was held at Ames and Ledges Park, May 11th and 12th. We are under obligation to Professor MacDonald and the other officers of the Iowa Conservation Association for the fine cooperation they gave us in making this meeting a success. The program at Ames and the one at Ledges Park had many fine papers on conservation. I do not have room here to make a detailed report on these papers. However, in addition to the reference heretofore made to the Letter of Greeting from Miss Sherman, I want to call attention to three papers.

Professor W. F. Kubichek of Coe College had for his subject: "Our Vanishing Game Birds." He called attention to the many hazards encountered by our game birds through the removal of their breeding places and many other conditions created by our civilization. The paper was both interesting and instructive.

Miss Lillian Hethershaw of Drake University presented the problem of teaching Nature Study in our schools. Her fine paper was followed by an interesting discussion.

I think all of you know that you should not have missed the illustrated lecture by Walter M. Rosene. To those of our members who have never heard our former President in one of his talks, I want to say, do not pass an opportunity to hear him. He is a fine bird photographer, a pleasing speaker and "chuck" full of his subject. He has made a study of a Barred Owl nest and young that is a worth-while addition to the study of owls. I hope his report may be published in the Wilson Bulletin at an early date, so more of our members may be afforded an opportunity to read about his observations.

At this time I want to introduce to you Professor W. F. Kubichek

our new Secretary. He is Curator of the Bert Heald Baily Museum and Instructor in Zoology, in Coe College. He was born in Iowa, for three years was engaged in research and field work of the U. S. Biological Survey and for the last five years has been in his present position. The Bailey Museum is an institution of which Coe College, Cedar Rapids and Iowa may well be proud of. We should all make it a point to visit the Museum if we happen to be in Cedar Rapids. Those who have not seen the Museum for the last five years should do so again so they may know what fine work Mr. Kubichek has been doing. I hope you may all learn to know him personally.

The I. O. U. has received and accepted an invitation to hold the 1929 May meeting at Sioux City. The Sioux City Bird Club is one of the best local clubs in the State and when they undertake a thing they do it well. They are making extensive plans for a real gathering of bird people. We hope that a large number from over the State will find it possible to attend. Sioux City has always had a good representation at our gatherings. Let us show our appreciation.

A. J. Palas, President.

IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

Devoted to Iowa's Bird Life.

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Sioux City, Iowa,
2109 Nebraska St.,
December 9, 1930.

Dear Sir:

The following resolutions were adopted at the annual meeting of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union in session at Omaha, Neb., May 16, 1930, and I submit them, hoping you will give them your earnest attention.

I. Whereas, the Iowa Ornithologists' Union, in session on May 16th, 1930, at Omaha, Nebr., views with apprehension the wholesale destruction of Bald Eagles in Alaska, under the territorial bounty system, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we petition our Senators and Representatives in Congress to favor the passage by Congress of the Norbeck-Andresen Bill which provides federal protection for this species; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our officers be requested to transmit copies of these resolutions to our Iowa members of Congress, and to the members of the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture.

II. Whereas, the abundance of wild fowl in many parts of the country is, in our opinion, definitely decreasing, and

Whereas, there is a very widespread public sentiment that still further regulation of hunting is necessary to prevent the extermination of certain species of wild fowl and game birds, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Iowa Ornithologists' Union in session on May 16th, 1930, at Omaha, Nebraska, is strongly in favor of the McNary-Haugen Bill (S2015, H.R. 5278) now before Congress which reduces the bag limit on ducks to 15 a day; and that we urge the Senators and Representatives in Congress to favor this Bill; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our officers be requested to transmit copies of these resolutions to our Iowa members of Congress and to the members of the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Palas, Des Moines
T. C. Stephens, Sioux City
W. A. Kinnaird, Valley Junction

Yours truly,

(Signed) Mary L. Bailey
Secretary, I. O. U.