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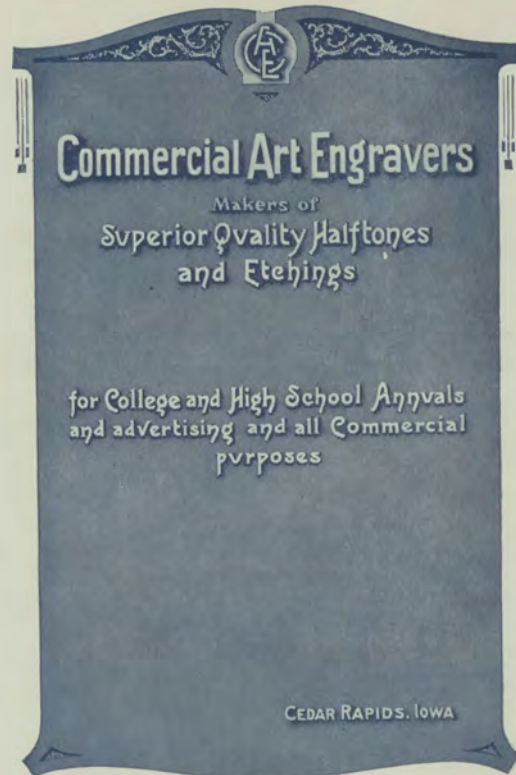
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And then legend and story of the Redman is closely bound up with our traditions and records. Remains of his life and activities of the long gone past, abound in the shape of mounds and tumuli that are with us, while our hills and valleys are rich in their tales of Indian lore.

And we are glad, too, to repeat that August next, 5th to 17th, inclusive, The American School of Wild Life Protection convenes on McGregor Heights, the only institution of its kind, and where students of all ages and from every walk in life assemble to hear from the lips of competent instructors, the thrilling story of the Wondrous Out-of-Doors, Rocks, Trees, Birds, Streams, Wildflowers, and to enjoy the finest possible social intercourse.

Call on us, write to us, approach us in any way you can, and we will acquaint you further with our surpassingly lovely home and all that is happening here. And, if you wish, we will tell you what goods we carry, as we have to work and live like other common folk, but just now we are more concerned to let you know about our fascinating, magnificent home, and to **Bid You All Welcome** to our first "Home-Coming," which is planned to start with the School on August 5 next.



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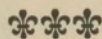
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MANY are the exquisite and dainty pictures, that Mother Nature displays for us in her wondrous domain, but for serene, simple beauty and all the accompanying ideals of life, home, faith and love, give me the bird's nest, with all its marvel of design, skill of the builder and tiny eggs, of a coloring and beauty no painter ever matched. Give me the bird's nest, embodying the Creator's skill exemplified in the wee architect, who is a ward of divinity.

And so, traveller, weary with the enmeshed experiences thy fellows have made thee endure, be not discouraged or falter. Tarry a brief spell and receive the message the bird nest has for thee, and then continue thy journey strengthened and satisfied.

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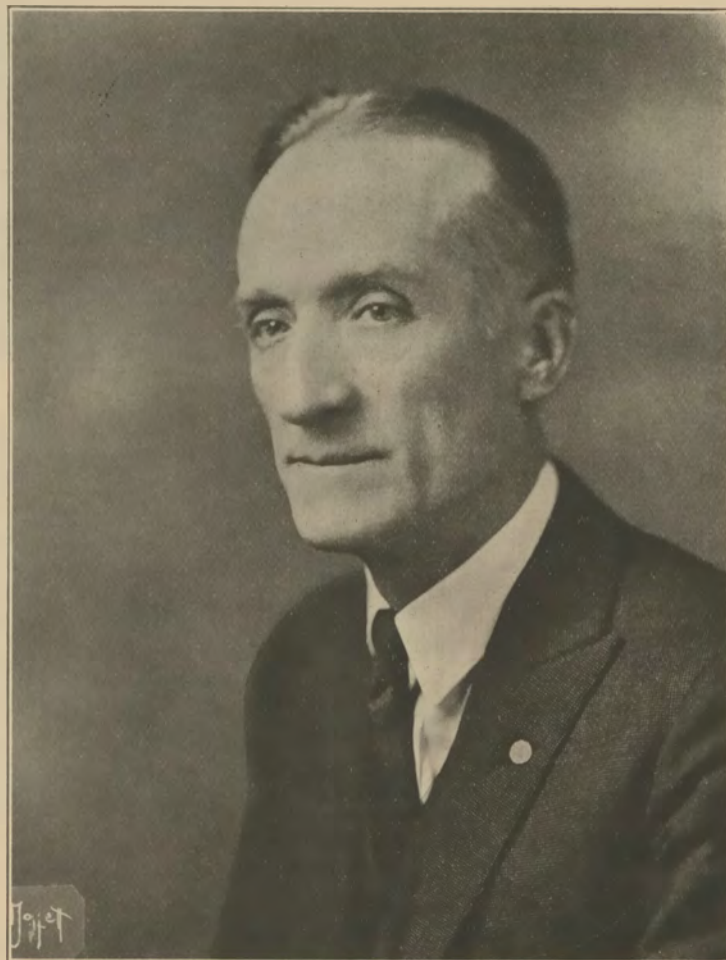
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A Maker of History!

Such is the man whose portrait appears below, Will H. Dilg, founder of the Izaak Walton League of America, and editor of the splendid serial, the Izaak Walton League Monthly.



WILL H. DILG

Founder of the Izaak Walton League

Dilg has a vision, keen, clear and far-sighted, that intelligently gauges the destruction of our wild life areas, and presents in sane and graphic language, what will most certainly happen in the immediately coming years, if the tide of devastation is not stemmed; and backed by thousands and thousands of enthusiasts, (which will become hundreds of thousands, ere long) is forcibly and effectively rousing the country to a realization of the dire danger it is in.

The purpose of this man's life and efforts, carried to its legitimate goal, may not result in amassing a fortune for his heirs to squander, or bring about something very spectacular, but of superficial worth, but it will accomplish that which will be of untold value to his fellow countrymen, while granting him an inner satisfaction, far beyond anything that mere money or its equivalent can ever represent.

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FOUNDING OF THE IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION

AMONG the Iowa nature enthusiasts assembled at Ames in the annual meeting of the Iowa Conservation Association, February 28, 1923, was a group who chose that particular opportunity of coming together for the purpose of forming some sort of an organization for the study and protection of our bird life. The idea was not a new one for Iowa, as a number of the professional and amateur ornithologists within the state had had it in mind for a number of years to bring bird lovers together to consider the feasibility of such procedure.

Not only was the idea not new to those who came to Ames at this time, but the fact is, there was at one time an organization in Iowa known as the Iowa Ornithological Association, brought into existence in the early nineties, and functioning until the commencement of the Spanish-American War. Among

those who were members of this former organization are Mr. Carl Fritz Henning of Boone, Dr. Paul Bartsch of Washington, D. C., and others whose names have been prominent in Iowa ornithology for a number of years.

We who were most interested in the project and were trying to push it, thought that no better time offered for a meeting than to hold it in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Iowa Conservation Association, and the forenoon of February 28, 1923, was very kindly placed at our disposal by the Association. Letters were sent out to about one hundred persons who we thought would be interested, and we were gratified with an attendance of about fifty at the meeting.

The meeting was opened with a short business session at which a temporary organization was effected, Dr. T. C. Stephens of Morningside College being made Chairman, and Mr. Walter M. Rosen of Ogden secretary. The reasons for calling the group together were stated by Dr. Stephens in a brief talk, after which those present were given most of the remainder of the morning to think over the matter presented. During this time a series of papers was presented, followed by a general discussion.

The program opened with a paper by Carl Fritz Henning, of Boone, entitled, "Reminiscences of the Iowa Ornithological Association," this being read by Prof. Harry M. Kelly of Mt. Vernon, Mr. Henning not being able to be present. Mr. Henning's paper was followed by a paper by the writer entitled, "A Review of Recent Ornithological Activity in the State." Walter W. Bennett of Sioux City appeared next with an illustrated talk on "The Photography of Birds by the Color Process." Dr. Stephens closed the program with an illustrated lecture entitled "Life History Studies of Birds."

At the close of the program, the business session was re-opened and a permanent organization planned. A provisional constitution was adopted, under which the society would run for one year, a corps of officers being elected as follows: President, Walter M. Rosen, Ogden; Vice-president, Dr. T. C. Stephens, Morningside College, Sioux City; Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Bailey, 2109 Nebraska St., Sioux City; Treasurer, Mr. Thomas H. Whitney, Atlantic. An Executive

Committee of three was chosen, as follows: Rev. Leroy Titus Weeks, Emmetsburg; Prof. Homer R. Dill, Iowa City; A. J. Palas, Des Moines. The society will be known for the time being as the Iowa Ornithologists' Union. It was not thought advisable to attempt the publication of an organ, and the Wilson Bulletin has very graciously offered us space in which to publish notes from time to time. The time and place of meeting was left in the hands of the Executive Committee, although some discussion took place as to just what time would be most popular for holding the meetings. A good many were in favor of continuing to meet in connection with the Conservation Association, thinking that such a plan might be of benefit to each organization, as it would bring to the Conservation meeting a number of bird enthusiasts who might not have come otherwise, and also, some who came to the Conservation meeting would attend the bird meetings also. Other plans were brought up, but nothing definite regarding this decided on.

The membership recorded by May 24 was sixty, and it is the hope of those behind the movement, that it will grow sufficiently to count for something in constructive work, and measures for the protection of our native birds. Anyone who is interested and who wishes to become a part of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union is urged to send his or her name and remittance of dues to the Secretary, dues having been fixed at fifty cents per year.

We are pleased to know that as a direct result of the Iowa movement bird lovers of Kentucky have organized the Kentucky Ornithological Society, our friends there having received a large part of their inspiration from the step taken by Iowa, and by the fact that Nebraska has had such an organization for twenty-five years. Since steps taken by the Kentucky friends, sentiment has developed towards calling the Iowa group a Society rather than a Union, many feeling that the name would be more applicable. We may state here that lately a rumour has come to us that our sister state of South Dakota is considering a similar step and should an association of bird lovers be formed there, the Mississippi valley would have a nucleus for a great organization. Should South Dakota organize, it is thought that Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska might at times hold union meetings, at some central place convenient to all.

CHARLES J. SPIKER.

GIVE FROGGY A FIGHTING CHANCE

DR. ROBERTS of Spirit Lake, an esteemed correspondent, writes as follows:

Frogs are rapidly nearing extinction in this vicinity. They are of undoubted economic importance, both because of their gastronomic value and because of the large number of insects they destroy. This is readily understood when we recollect that their chief

article of diet is insects, and that their home is the great breeding place of insects. They will soon have gone the way of the quail and prairie chicken if proper legislation is not enacted at once.

One begins to wonder what useful little creature next will be the target of commercialism to eliminate it entirely from its native haunts. Evidently there is one other creature that Iowa will have to issue a brief for, and that very quickly, too. Our readers will glean from a quotation from the Winterset News what they have done in our sister state, Minnesota.

An interesting commentary on all this is furnished by a clipping from the Spencer Reporter, where the paper quotes the Webb Record. We are also indebted to Dr. Roberts for this contribution, which reads:

We were at Spirit Lake last fall and saw seven or eight thousand dozen frogs in crates ready to be shipped to the eastern market. They had been caught by three or four men, who make that their business every fall, and represented only a week's catch.

We spoke of seeing them, told how many there were, but some of the fellows here gave us the merry ha! ha! stating that no four men could catch that many frogs. We had seen the frogs and knew we were telling the truth, but didn't blame the fellows for laughing at the story. We have chased a single frog we wanted for bait, all over a ten acre lot, and thought the Spirit Lake fellows must be more expert than we.

Well, we were at Spirit Lake again lately, and learned how it is done. There are hundreds of little and large ponds in that section, in which myriads of frogs make their home. During the day these frogs leave the ponds for adjacent field to forage for something to eat. Then the frog catchers get busy. They put a barricade of cheese cloth or tar paper around the pond for a foot or more in height. Then they sink boxes or half barrels at intervals of a hundred feet or more, just outside this barricade. In the evening the frogs return to their pond home. The barricade stops them and they hop along it hunting a place to get in. Pretty soon they come to the barrel and naturally hop into it and are unable to get out. At times, it is said, the half barrel will be nearly full by morning. When one pond is cleaned they go to another and there are your seven or eight thousand dozen in a few days, and we are vindicated.

PRESIDENT KEYES AND HARVARD UNIVERSITY

PROF. CHARLES R. KEYES of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, has found time this summer to forge another link with Harvard, that ancient School, founded upwards of three hundred years ago. Sometimes the claims of a strenuous life delay an educational investigator getting everywhere as fast as he plans, and thus it appears to have been with our friend. He was formerly a student in the Harvard Graduate School, where he received his M. A. And last month, the University conferred the degree of Ph. D., on his completion of a critical edition of a drama of 1630, based on the life and events of The Thirty Years War.

THE BIRD LADY

THE children come a-trooping
To my door;
And some of them are rich, while
Some are poor.
It may be a nest they bring—
Robin babe needs mothering
Or a bird with broken wing
To my door.

Tiny feet come pattering
To my door:
"Bird Lady, will you tell us,
Please, once more,
If it be the Chickadee
With the black cap that we see?
Or a Goldfinch can it be
By your door?"

Bright faces come a-smiling
To my door.
They heard a song they never
Knew before.
When they heard the Thrasher sing
It was like the heart of Spring
Touching every living thing
We adore!

You children who come trooping
To my door,
My childless heart yearns for you
More and more.
To the wild birds do I owe
The sweet love your faces show,
Eyes that with God's kindness glow
At my door.

ETHEL MILDRED TOWNS.

IOWA STATE BOARD
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IN accordance with the recent appointments of Governor Kendall, the composition of this Board is now as follows: Mrs. May H. McNider, Mason City (re-appointed); Dr. L. H. Pammel, Ames (re-appointed); Mrs. May C. Armstrong, Fort Dodge; Clifford L. Niles, Anamosa; Wm. E. G. Saunders, Emmetsburg. R. E. Johnson, Secretary of the Executive Council, will act in a similar capacity for the Board.

ARTHUR GOSHORN IN
THE WINTERSET NEWS

THE following paragraphs on the frog question will be read with interest:

We tried for minnows and could not find them, though we ran into the finest school of big mouth bass you ever saw. There must have been fifty or sixty of them five or six inches long. And when we went after frogs there were none in the places we always had found them. We drove to Pelican Rapids to the frogery where we bought them last year. "You do not seem as busy as you were last year," said McMillan to the man in charge. "The state stopped us," he answered. "We cannot ship them outside the state. Last year we sent them to Chicago and New York, tons of frog legs. You saw them in these bins there piled ten deep, 'thousands of them.' We

sell them for bait only now, and do a very limited business." Minnesota, trying to protect her summer resorts and keep a bait supply, wisely stopped the wholesale destruction of the frogs by the market hunters. From Pelican Rapids, from Perham, from a half dozen places in this country, ton after ton of frog legs were shipped to eastern markets where the big hotels and restaurants served them to their customers. How many pair of frog legs in a ton? At least fifty thousand, perhaps seventy-five.

We set the minnow pail of frogs out by a tree close to the beach. All night whenever we awakened we could hear the frogs jumping against the wires. The next morning there was a little garter snake inside the pail. He had squeezed in through the wires and swallowed a little frog but when he tried to go out he stuck because the frog would not permit him to go through. That evening we set two pails of frogs out by the tent and the next morning Mac found a big black and red garter trying to break into the pails. We keep the frogs away from the tent now. They must find the frogs by scent just as bird dogs find game. You rarely see a garter snake on this sandy beach but set a pail of frogs out and the snakes flock to it like buzzards to a dead animal.

A FRIENDLY VOICE
FROM A FRIENDLY LAND

IT IS with more than pleasure that we report a message from Australia, the writer being Charles Barrett, C. M. Z. S., author and journalist, and evidently, too, wild life lover to the core. His home is in Elsternwick, Victoria, and he also sends an outline published three years ago of Victoria's largest Wild Life Sanctuary, of which he was the writer.

The letter was in reply to an invitation of ours to visit Iowa and attend the next session of the American School. He writes:



AUSTRALIAN PODARGUS
or Tawny Shouldered Frogmouth, similar in color to the grey
branch on which it is perched.

Charles Barrett's Camera.

It was indeed a pleasure to receive your letter of May 5. Please accept my thanks for it, and for the very kind invitation to visit Iowa, and attend the school assembly.

Some day, I hope to cross the Pacific, for it has long been my desire to see your wonderful country and its wild animal life, concerning which I have read so much. But, I fear, it may be years before I have the opportunity to do so.

I am keenly interested in the conservation of wild life, and am an active member of several bodies in Australia, whose main objects are the study and protection of the native fauna. I shall prepare, as you request, a short account of wild life conditions as now existing in the Commonwealth, and the measures adopted to save the fauna and forests.

Thank you for the copy of "Iowa Conservation," which I have read with much interest. It is good to know that such splendid work is being done by your Association; and the establishment in your State of a "School" meeting annually, is a most admirable move. Perhaps, in time, we may be able to hold a similar out-of-doors assembly in Australia. I should like to keep in touch with your great movement.



MANY-COLORED PARROT
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Charles Barrett's Camera.

Mr. Barrett concludes with, "Wishing the School of Wild Life Protection ever increasing success."

We may say that Mr. Barrett's promised message to the American School has been received, and from a hurried glance seems to bristle with good things. The bird pictures, too, that appear in this notice, are from him and his camera, and will definitely interest our readers.

A CONFERENCE ON AQUATIC RESOURCES

SINCE the printing of the Wild Life School program, conditions have rapidly matured for the holding of a conference on the attempts being made to drain certain sections abutting on the Mississippi River, and we are very gratified to be able to announce that such a conference will be held in the School assembly tent on the morning of Monday, August 6, at ten o'clock, the chairman being Dr. Rasmussen, President of the Fish & Game Club, La Crosse, Wis.

Fred G. Bell, Committee Chairman of the Wild Life School, and Dr. Rasmussen have been active in bringing about this gathering, and it promises to be one of the most important ever held in the Central West, as a direct and determined endeavor to antagonize to the death an attempt to put over a drainage project, which is little less than diabolical.

The far-reaching importance and appeal of this conference will be understood, from the fact that the following are details of the agenda:

1. Aquatic resources what are they and their value.
2. The value of Inland Lakes and Overflow Lands from the standpoint of producing food, fishes and other game.
3. Clamming and Button Industry as affected by extensive Drainage Projects.
4. Reforestation as pertaining to Overflow and Bottom Lands.
5. General Survey of Drainage Projects of the past and present.
6. Plant Life of Overflow Lands before and after drainage.
7. Climatic and Soil Conditions as affected by lowering of general Water Levels.
8. Increased Flood Dangers resulting from Dyking Overflow Areas, provided by Nature for taking care of Flood Waters.
9. The Importance of Recreation as afforded by hunting and fishing.

Among those expected to be present and contribute to the discussion of this very important question are Congressman Haugen, a representative from the Department of War, Will H. Dilg, President of the Izaak Walton League of America, Carlos Avery of St. Paul, W. E. Albert, Iowa State Fish & Game Warden, D. W. MacWillie, President Wisconsin Pearl Button Co., Dr. Geo. F. Kay, State Geologist of Iowa, Dr. Harry C. Oberholser, Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, and other members of the faculty of the Wild Life School.

A special effort is being made to secure Dr. Bohumil Shimek of the Iowa State University, a veteran and versatile student of general wild life conditions, and it is hoped he can be there.

Every one interested in the conservation of our wild life areas should do all possible towards helping this most important step.

Our readers will remember that Dr. Oberholser of the Bureau of Biological Survey, made an examination of the "Winneshiek Drainage Project," a typical

case representing what the conference is pledged to antagonize. These steps were taken a year ago, and the report which bristles with interest, concludes thus:

In view, therefore, of the great damage to the wild fowl and other game, to the fur industry as represented by the muskrat population of this region, to

the fishing industry, as well as to private fishermen, to the river valley, owing to the increased potential flood damage, and in view of the impracticability of the project as an agricultural asset, as well as its almost prohibitive cost, it is strongly recommended that the proposal for the drainage of these bottoms be abandoned.

American School of Wild Life Protection

Assembly of 1923

THE most important gathering in the interest of wild life conservation ever held in the Central West, will undoubtedly be the annual session of the American School of Wild Life Protection convening at McGregor, North-eastern Iowa on August 5 to 17, inclusive.

What the School has already accomplished, its basic ideals and specific purposes, allied to the splendid area of operation in which it has outlined a magnificent and limitless field, justify us in presenting here the program of 1923 in full, and as an eloquent expression of sturdy and strenuous effort in antagonizing the deadly and vicious commercialism that is gnawing at the heart of America to-day. The program follows:

PATRONS. Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.; Dr. E. A. Burge, President Wisconsin University; Dr. W. T. Hornaday, Director New York Zoological Park; Dr. W. A. Jessup, President Iowa State University; Dr. T. S. Palmer, Secretary, A. O. U., Washington, D. C.; T. Gilbert Pearson, President National Association Audubon Societies, New York City.

DIRECTOR. Rev. George Bennett, Iowa City.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Fred G. Bell, Osear Fryklund, A. J. Widman, Mrs. W. H. C. Elwell, Karl D. Bickel, all of McGregor.

A WORD OF GREETING

Established on McGregor Heights in the summer of 1919, by less than a handful of people, but enthused with the inspiration of the wonderful out-of-doors, the American School of Wild Life Protection has grown and steadily and solidly grown, until today we find it an institution of the finest possible ideals, and radiating an influence that promises ere long to be world-wide and world effective.

The basic factor of this institution is protection of the wondrous out-of-doors, the handiwork of the Creator, the footsteps of God. This is sought through the assembling for two weeks of persons of all ages from far and near, so that they may be brought in close touch with the natural world, where the scenery and environment is unusually appealing and beautiful.

While instructors of the first order are present to unfold nature's story to the student in the tented auditorium, the tree encircled class-room on the hill, or by the rocky streamlet bed of the deep ravine, the enthusiasm generated through coming together for such a thrilling and whole-souled purpose, gives an impress from centre to circumference that cannot adequately be described.



WILD LIFE SISTERS

The instruction given, the individual stimulus furnished, the love fostered for nature's wondrous environment, the social spirit exhaled, are correlated so that the resulting issue may be a life pledge in the heart and purpose of all participating, to antagonize to the death every attempt to desecrate and devastate the glorious out-of-doors.

The folder herewith submitted presents in a limited way, only, what the program will be. But both from the standpoint of acquiring fascinating knowledge and social enjoyment of a high type, the two weeks' session must prove a continued series of happy experiences. No attempt will be made to burden the mind with technical detail or puzzling formulae, the consistent aim being so to present intimate knowledge of the out-door world, that there may be enkindled an intense love for wild life everywhere, and under every condition.



AN OUT DOOR CLASS-ROOM

THE INSTRUCTORS

The American School has a faculty of which it is proud, both from the standpoint of the position its members hold in the educational world, and their special adaptation to the unique conditions under which they work during their residence in McGregor in August. We are giving the names of these men, grouped with the subjects they teach:

GEOLOGY. Dr. George F. Kay, Dean of the Faculty of The American School, and Dean of the Liberal Arts College of Iowa State University, also State Geologist of Iowa. Prof. A. O. Thomas, on the staff of the Iowa State University.

BOTANY. Dr. Bohumil Shimek, a well known veteran in the Botanical Department, Iowa State University. Dr. L. H. Pammel, head of the Botanical Department, Iowa State College. Dr. S. W. Stookey, Dean in the Science Department, Coe College, Cedar Rapids.

ORNITHOLOGY. The Rev. Leroy T. Weeks, Ph. D., Emmetsburg, noted specialist. Dr. T. C. Stephens, Morningside College, Sioux City, well known authority on bird life.

GENERAL ZOOLOGY. Prof. George E. Miller, Fargo, N. D., an instructor in Invertebrate Zoology, in the Agricultural College of his state.

INDIAN ARCHAEOLOGY. Dr. Charles R. Keyes, Cornell College, Mount Vernon. Dr. Melvin R. Gilmore, Curator, State Historical Society of North Dakota.

GENERAL BIOLOGY AND CONSERVATION. Dr. Harry C. Oberholser, Bureau Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., Government Representative.



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.....Rev. A. L. Murray, Litt. D., Cedar Rapids	
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Welcome	
.....Walter Eichendorf; Mrs. Charles Widman	
Response.....	Dr. S. W. Stookey
Musical Selection.....	Wild Life Quartet
Benediction.....	Dr. Murray

7:30 P. M.—Union Service of the McGregor Churches in the Methodist Auditorium. In Memoriam: Enos A. Mills, Longs Peak, Colorado.

Illustrated Address, "A Month on the Isles of Fiji"

.....Prof. A. O. Thomas, Iowa State University

MONDAY, AUG. 6th

8:00 A. M.—Registration of Students.

9:15 A. M.—Assembly .

Organization of classes and address by Dr. Kay

10:00 A. M.—Conference on Aquatic Resources, Dr. Rasmussen, La Crosse, Wis., presiding.

Noon—Dinner .

8:00 P. M.—Indian Drama and Dances. The Blackhawk Tribe of Woodcraft Indians, Geneva, Ill.

TUESDAY, AUG. 7th, "WORLD DAY"

Report of the Committee on "The Order of Wild Life Protection."

Messages on the Progress of Wild Life Protection from other States and other lands.

The Izaak Walton League of America. Address by W. H. Dilg, of Chicago, its founder.



THE FAR-FAMED PICTURED ROCKS

"Women and Wild Life Conservation," Address byMrs. Francis E. Whitley, Webster City
The National Bureau of Fisheries.

8:00 P. M.—Initiation of the members of "The Order of Wild Life Protection."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8th

9:30 A. M.—Welcome to the Home-Comers of McGregor!

Addresses by Members of the Faculty.
Responses from the Guests.

1:30 P. M.—Class and Field Work.

8:00 P. M.—Lantern Talks.

THURSDAY, AUG. 9th, "FARMERS DAY"

Roy Coombs, County Agent, Presiding

To Lansing and back, Day's Steamboat trip north, on the Mississippi.

Program of interest to agriculturists carried out on the boat. (A charge will be made for this ride of 75c for adults and 50c for children.)

8:00 P. M.—Lantern pictures of the McGregor of other days.

FRIDAY, AUG. 10th, "KODAK DAY"

Experts in picture taking will instruct classes in camera work in the open field. Students will bring their kodaks and the necessary equipment; tripods will be a convenience. Prizes will be offered for the best pictures.

Through the courtesy of the Eastman Kodak Company of Rochester, N. Y., their representative, W. A. Muleahy, will be present and assist in the work.

As the camera plays such a signal part in wild life conservation, the interest and importance of this special work will appeal to all.

8:00 P. M.—Lantern talks in the Assembly Tent.

SATURDAY, AUG. 11th

Conference of Bird Lovers, W. M. Rosen, President
Iowa Ornithologists' Union, in charge.

Class and Field Work and Lantern talks at night.

SUNDAY, AUG. 12th

1:00 P. M.—Picnic Luncheon. Visitors will bring their baskets.

2:00 P. M.—Exercises in the Assembly Tent. Address, "The Ministry of Nature," Dr. Harry C. Oberholser, Washington, D. C.

7:30 P. M.—Union Service of the McGregor Churches in the Congregational Auditorium. Illustrated Address, "Is It Too Late?" Dr. Shimek.

MONDAY, AUG. 13th

Boy Scouts' and Camp Fire Girls' Day

Program of special appeal to all interested in these important fields.

TUESDAY, AUG. 14th

Class and Field Work.

8:00 P. M.—Lantern talks in the Assembly Tent.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15th

Class and Field Work.

8:00 P. M.—Stereopticon pictures presented from photo films taken on "Kodak Day," the slides having been furnished through the courtesy of the Victor Animatograph Co. of Davenport.



TAKING A SHOT

THURSDAY, AUG. 16th

Sportsman's Day under the auspices of the Hon. W. E. Albert, State Fish and Game Warden

E. H. Prior, Postville, President of the McGregor Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, will have general charge and give an address on "The Aesthetics of Sportsmanship."

8:00 P. M.—Presentation of Moving Pictures of The State of Iowa Fish and Game Department by the Director.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17th

Class and Field Work.

6:00 P. M.—Picnic supper, followed by a final conference of the School session, Fred G. Bell, chairman of the Executive Committee, presiding. This will furnish an opportunity for a review of the work of the preceding two weeks and comments from those who have been in attendance.



ON THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI

All professors arriving for the opening of the School, are requested to meet the Dean at "Faculty House" on the evening of Saturday, August 4th.

Throughout the School session, nature study films will be furnished by the Society for Visual Education and a representative present to give some interesting information concerning the photography of these subjects.

The Victor Talking Machine Company of Camden, N. J., has kindly consented to furnish a number of their nature records for the School session, and a representative to present them.

INDIAN VILLAGE

Some of the first Americans will attend the Wild Life School. Several families of Winnebago Indians will be camped

near the ground and it will interest everyone to watch their way of living. They have a number of expert basket makers and bead workers and will manufacture their products in their camp. They will also give a number of their native dances.

THE WILD LIFE SCHOOL LIBRARY

The School possesses the nucleus of a library of volumes representing nature study and protective effort in nature's domain, the movement having started through the kind donation of books from Dr. W. T. Hornaday of the Zoological Park, New York City. We shall be glad to receive such gifts from friends of the wild, in order that this valuable department may become a material asset of the School. Particularly do we invite contributions from authors and publishers. These should be sent to:

Miss Elizabeth Daubenberger, Wild Life School Librarian,
McGregor, Iowa

and will be individually acknowledged and also reported to the School Assembly.

COST OF REGISTRATION

Terms of admission to the School are nominal. Fees are \$5.00 per person for the complete period; \$2.50 for students under 18 years of age. Where various members of a family register, the total fees do not exceed \$15.00. Children under twelve are free. The fee for a period of two days or less is \$1.00. Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and similar organizations, 50% reduction on the foregoing figures in parties of ten or more.

BOARD AND LODGING

Preparation for this has been thoroughly systematized, and every information will be furnished by the committee chairman:

W. A. Myers, McGregor, Iowa

McGregor has good hotels, and private families rent rooms and provide for the needs of students. All should secure accommodations, which will be found reasonable, at an early date.

The residents of McGregor are definitely committed to the advance and development of the great institution, "The American School of Wild Life Protection," and visitors to this progressive city by the Mississippi will find a genuine courtesy and goodwill, which will immediately make them feel at home. As an aid to this, the following committees have been named, and the chairman of each is designated:

Music.....	Dan Ray
Finance.....	H. C. Orton
Boats.....	Fred G. Bell
Signs.....	John Kramer
Reception and Information.....	John Kramer

Biennial Report of the State Fish and Game Department of Iowa

July 1, 1920, to June 30, 1922

THE REPORT of State Warden Albert to Governor Kendall is out, forming a clear, concise and comprehensive digest of this important area of the state's activities. The first few pages summarize the general conditions of wild life conservation existing today, at the same time emphasizing what it is necessary to bear in mind in the interest of an abundance of fish and game and the

preservation to Iowa's rural areas a similar abundance of trees, plants and wildflowers. Some paragraphs of the report are as follows:

In the future, in an intelligent endeavor to promote the largest possible increase in the number of game birds and species of fish that will be desired by the residents of Iowa, we feel that the closest and most friendly co-operation is necessary among all, not only those animated by the same ideas, but persons who,

while deeply interested in the conservation of wild life, yet work from different motives.

There are those who, enthusiasts all the time for wild life protection, never wish to take a toll of that life, while others, such as sportsmen, equally enthused in the same direction, reserve to themselves the right, under the laws of the state, to engage in a day's shooting now and then.

In the past, these two classes have not co-operated as they might for the general good, not through any basic cause of unapproachable divergence, but through really not understanding each other. The man so much in love with the wild creatures that he cannot understand why any person could wish to shoot them, may find it difficult to gauge the attitude of him who is not built that way, but he is in duty bound to respect the sportsman's right to what the law concedes to him, particularly when that sportsman, as is often the case, does his best to protect and propagate that life during the seasons of the year when no shooting can be done.

For the welfare of all concerned, this co-operation on both sides of the fence is most desirable and necessary. No true sportsman wishes to see the number of the game creatures lessened; he would much rather witness their increase, but in view of the changing conditions unfavorable to such increase, which must come with growth of population, etc. (unless something unusually drastic can be accomplished to antagonize these conditions), a policy must be evolved, resulting from such co-operation, which will result in permanent benefit all round. No true sportsman will wish to advocate a course that means striking at the source of the supply of that he seeks to multiply.

Rather will he be ready to counsel with those, who by long experience and investigation, are best fitted to plan and advocate the course for the state to pursue in the matter of remedial legislation and enlightened supervision.

The fisherman will find much in the outline that he will eagerly examine. A report of that popular body of water, Clear Lake, by Prof. Canfield of the U. S. Biological Station, Fairport, is an interesting study, dealing, as it does, with the general characteristics of the lake, its bottom, the plants found there, the available food supply for game fishes, the carp and the part it plays in fish economy, remarks on bullheads and catfish, commercial fishing, fish captured in the lake, mussels, etc.

The financial and statistical tables are set out in an explicit and readable manner, and many an angler and sportsman will find much that will appeal to him in examining these.

Among those whose names appear in the report, is a long array, who doubtless did not seek this publicity voluntarily. We refer to the long, long list of law violators, where fines run up to more than \$200, exclusive of costs, and where there are jail sentences, too.

All desiring a copy of this excellent report should apply to the State Fish & Game Department, State House, Des Moines.

The Order of Wild Life Protection

Founded at McGregor, Iowa, March 15, 1923

ORDINARILY, anything like a school or other expression of a great movement, comes in the wake of an order or association, but in the case of the progressive steps that have been registered in the recent years at McGregor by the Mississippi, the School was established first; this being the outcome of an emphatic desire and endeavor to promote the conservation of the beautiful out-of-doors, with all its mysticism, glory and economic values.

But, as will be readily seen, the "School" would not be complete without the "Order," and the same vision, enlightened purpose and strenuous advocacy that has been at the back of the School has established, and will continue to promote, the Order.

The Order was born on March 15, 1923, in the Community rooms at McGregor, at a public meeting of the residents, with Fred G. Bell presiding, and W. H. C. Elwell acting as secretary. The proceedings at that time enacted, were reported in the North Iowa Times, McGregor's live newspaper, and read thus:

1. Founded at McGregor, Iowa, on March 15, 1923, for the purpose of protecting and conserving the "Wild Life of the World," as represented by its trees, lakes, streams, fauna, flora and natural scenery.

2. Membership in the order invited from men and women resident in all parts of the world, and secured by an enrollment fee of five dollars, U. S. currency.

3. Applications for membership and fees to be sent to F. S. Richards, Cashier, First National Bank, McGregor, Iowa.

4. Total amount of fees, in their entirety, will be deposited, as received, in the First National Bank, of McGregor, Iowa, up to Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1923, when a meeting of the enrolled members will be held for the purpose of more complete organization. This date will come within the two weeks' session of the American School of Wild Life Protection at McGregor, and the procedure be incorporated in the School's program. The first \$1,000 received in the way of enrollment fees shall be devoted to the securing a site and the erection of permanent plant needed in the development of "The American School of Wild Life Protection" at McGregor, provided such amount comes in by Aug. 7, 1923; if the receipts are less than this, whatever has been obtained shall be so appropriated.

5. Up to the second meeting of "The Order of Wild Life Protection" on August 7, 1923, no deduction whatever shall be made from the sum of enrollment fees received, to meet expenses of postage, correspondence, etc., these being borne by the administration of the American School.



WILD LIFE MAIL CARRIER

6. The emblem adopted by the Order shall be the "Passenger Pigeon," now extinct.

7. At the close of the founders' meeting of March 15, an enrollment of thirty was recorded, twenty-five of these being residents of the City of McGregor.

8. At the Founders' meeting, it was decided that the affairs of the Order should be in charge of the following committee, until the convening of the meeting of Aug. 7, 1923:

GEORGE BENNETT, Iowa City,
W. E. ALBERT, Lansing,
F. S. RICHARDS, McGregor,
All of Iowa.

It is needless to remark that the story of the founding of this new Order will have a wide and rebounding appeal, not only in this State, but every State and far beyond. The highest encomiums will be paid to the little Iowa City, because of its far-flung vision and conception of an idea as large as the world itself.

Truly there will be interesting times when the School assembles a week hence, and every loyal lover of the wild wants to reciprocate what McGregor has been doing these recent years, and gives promise of doing, with continuously accelerated momentum.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT,
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Of Iowa Conservation, Published Quarterly at Iowa City, Iowa,
for April 1, 1923

State of Iowa, County of Johnson, ss:

Before me, a notary public, in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared George Bennett, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the managing editor of the Iowa Conservation, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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Publisher, Iowa Conservation Association, Iowa City, Iowa.

Editor, George Bennett, Iowa City, Iowa.

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Business Managers. None.

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3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are:

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George Bennett, Managing Editor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of March, 1923.

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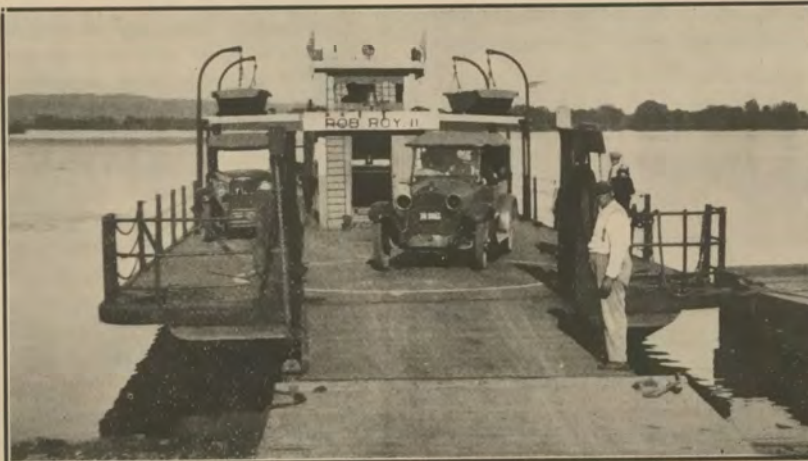
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Here will assemble on August 5, 1923, to continue two weeks, "The American School of Wild Life Protection," where expert instructors of Mother Nature's inner circle, will meet men, women and children of all ages and classes, and reveal to them the secrets and the teachings of the great out-of-doors. And, in association with all this, will be social features of the highest and most appealing order; and the cost of all this is moderate; and McGregor's tariff scale of living is moderate, too. Ask those who have been here and the Secretary of the Citizens' Association.

And McGregor, on August 5 next and following days, is staging a great "Home Coming," the first in the city's history. It has so much now to invite residents of other days to come back to, investigate and enjoy! Be sure and ask the Secretary of the Citizens' Association about this.

And during the "Happy School Days" on McGregor Heights in August next, steps are to be taken to complete the organization of "The Order of Wild Life Protection," which, with a vision and prospective operation that is limitless in its scope and ultimate in its lineup of every land, marks an era in the great world movement of today, a movement for protecting the character and wonder of God's sacred out-of-doors.

So let the reader who wishes to record a vacation of all vacations, and to be present in McGregor in August next, communicate without delay with

L. F. BELL, Secretary Citizens' Association

McGregor, Iowa