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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. Rosen, 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?