

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. Rosen 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. Rosen 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 thi 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 Rosen. 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 Rosen.
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.

(Walter Rosen, Ogden.

Executive Council (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. Rosen, 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 Savary Hotel, for the annual field trip. Various districts about Des Moines were carefully covered before the groups returned to McRae 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 Snipe; Pectoral Sandpiper; Killdeer; Mourning Dove; Bob White; Cooper Hawk; Broad Winged Hawk; Sharp-shinned Hawk; Yellow Billed Cuckoo; Belted Kingfisher; Downy Woodpecker; Red-headed Woodpecker; Northern Flicker; Chimney Swift; Kingbird; Crested Flycatcher; Phoebe; Prairie Horned Lark; Bluejay; 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; Barn Swallow; 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; Redstart; Catbird; Brown Thrasher; House Wren; Prairie-marsh Wren; White-breasted Nuthatch; 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.

- - Iowa Ornithologists' Convention.

The State Ornithologists' Convention is to be held in Des Moines on April 30th and 31st. Saturday the 30th will be devoted entirely to business and speakers with the evening banquet, while Sunday morning will be given over to group field trips under the direction of leading observers, after which we are to be the guests of the Des Moines Audubon Society, at a big morning breakfast in Donald McRae Park.

We are very glad to stress the appearance of Mr. William T. Hornady, famous conservationist director of the Zoological Gardens of New York City, as our principal speaker. This is not a question of our not being able to afford to attend this greatest meeting ever - - as a matter of fact, we cannot afford to miss such an opportunity.

The program for the two days follows:

I.O.U. Saturday, April 30th. 1926

10:00 A.M.Registrations.....Hotel Savery, Mez. Floor.

1:00 P.M. City Library Auditorium, 2nd floor-

PROGRAM

Address of Welcome - - Mrs. A. J. Palas,
Vice Pres. Des Moines Audubon Society.

Response - - T. C. Stephens,
Vice Pres. I.O.U.

President's Report.....W.M. Rosen, Pres. I.O.U.
Secretary's Report.....Kenneth Nelson
Treasurer's Report.....Arthur J. Palas

Paper - "The Boids of New York".....Phil DuMont

Address - "Shore Birds", (Particularly the Spotted Sandpiper)
Dr. F. L. Roberts of Spirit Lake.

Election of Officers.

Illustrated Lecture "Prehistoric Birds"
Walter W. Bennett of Sioux City.

Adjournment.

5:30 BanquetGrant Club.

Music

Bird Whistling - - John Woodmansee

Address - - William T. Hornaday, New York City.

Sincerely
Kenneth Nelson
Sec