

January 24, 1933

Mr. Franklin J. W. Schmidt,
State of Wisconsin,
Conservation Department,
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Frank:

I was very sorry to learn of the failure of the Commercial National Bank, and I suppose that puts a crimp into a great many of your plans.

I still think, however, that if you are willing to spend sometime banding chicks up in Howard County that we can arrange to have you given transportation, board, and room, one place and another, through this area. There is no cash in sight so whatever we do would be on the principle of reducing your expenditures to the absolute minimum rather than giving you reimbursement. I may possibly be able to come over to Madison to get you to take you over and leave you in Howard County from there, if you would want to do this.

Would your course work at the University interfere with some banding activities after the second semester has started? If you are signed up mainly for research I should think that arrangements could be made with Professor Wagner to let you work out of state for a couple or three weeks, or as long as you wanted to or felt necessary.

According to reports, the migrant prairie chickens have left a number of their wintering areas and you might have difficulty finding the concentrations which were so evident earlier in the season. In Howard County though there is always a remnant of breeding stock which seems to frequent the area around certain properties near Cresco. It would be of extreme importance to get bands on these resident, or suspected residents.

Please let me know as soon as possible what your revised plans are, preferably by return mail, for I am out in the field a great deal of the time and am extremely hard to

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find on short notice.

I expect to be in Madison about the second of February, and hope to see you then, or within the following two or three days, unless, of course, you decide to come to Iowa in the meantime.

Sincerely yours,

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Paul L. Errington,
Asst. Prof. Wild
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P.S. I am forwarding to you a letter from King, which I suppose has to do with a box of bands, that I am holding in reserve until I hear definitely from you as to their disposal. P.E.