

June 30, 1933

Mr. Fred J. Pierce, Editor,  
Iowa Bird Life,  
Winthrop, Iowa

Dear Mr. Pierce: *Fred*

I just returned from a trip yesterday and found your letter of June 21 awaiting me. I am glad that you have space for my short paper on summer quail observations, and that you may get it into the September issue. For the sake of avoiding any unnecessary bother I think you had better publish this without any Experiment Station Serial Number. I would like a couple hundred reprints, the bill for which you may send to me directly, and I will do what I can about it.

As to the personal data for which you ask, I don't know just how much you want, but I will try to touch up the high points of my wayward existence in as brief a manner as possible. I am 31, still running around unattached, and was raised in and about Brookings, S. D. I did my undergraduate work at S. Dakota State College and at George Washington University. I received my Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin in June 1932, with a major in zoology and a minor in botany. While in Wisconsin I had charge of the quail investigation (a co-operative research established at the University by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Institute and the U. S. Biological Survey). For the past four years I have had two professional specialties, namely, the bobwhite quail and avian and mammalian predators, both of which I have studied very largely from the ecological standpoint. Now, of course, you know that my field has been enlarged to take in other species, notably, waterfowl, but I still regard the quail and the predators as my specialties.

The nature of my work, as you doubtless know, is that of intensive research on specific problems rather than a general survey covering wide areas such as the one Leopold recently concluded. Right now I am occupied principally with the wild life research biological station the College has established at Ruthven. At this station there are a number of workers engaged in research of various kinds upon both game and nongame species.

It might be well to make clear my present set-up in case you are not already familiar with it. The money for the Iowa State College Wild Life Research comes from three sources, the College itself, the State Fish and Game Commission and J. N. ("Ding") Darling. I am an assistant professor in the Zoology Department, and have charge of wild life research. I am also technical advisor to the Commission. We have cooperative arrangements with other institutions and private individuals, not alone in Iowa, but in Minnesota and Wisconsin as well.

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may be of utility etc* *signature*  
P.S. dealing with roost as a trigger.

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I hope you will find something in this letter which may be of utility to you. In case you feel that you need any additional information, let me know, and I shall try to provide it.

Sincerely yours,

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Asst. Prof. In Charge

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