

June 7, 1932.

Mr. Logan Bennett,
C/o Prof. J. E. Guthrie,
Zoology Dept.,
Iowa State College,
Ames, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

This is to confirm the oral assurance made during my last visit to Ames that I am reserving \$500.00 of my fund as a game research fellowship for you. The stipend is small but I feel that it is quite all I can spare this fiscal year. I hope we shall be able to devise some sort of workable arrangement to make what time and money we have count for the most all the way around.

At present the nesting and postnesting requirements of wild ducks seem to be in the greatest need of study. This work ought to be taken up just as soon as possible, (although you will not be technically in my employ until July 1st), as the nesting season is now well along it may be that late nesting species like blue wing teal would be the most profitable to concentrate upon this summer.

Have you located any good Iowa breeding grounds where you could from a central camp keep track of a maximum number of duck nests and broods. If you have not done so I suggest that you get in touch with Mr. William Schuenke of the Fishing Game Commission at Des Moines. He or his wardens are in the best position to tell you where breeding grounds suitable for study exist in Iowa - if they do! In case Iowa is hopelessly lacking in this respect perhaps you had better go to South Dakota. If you decide upon the latter (which I don't think advisable unless absolutely necessary) let me know and I will tell you where to go.

Of course I will give you all the data I can by mail - which won't be any too much - but I'm afraid you will be left almost entirely to your own resources until I get down there in July. This is very unfortunate as important work needs to be accomplished now but I don't see what can be done about it. I rather suspect that Prof. Guthrie would be the most help to you of any body. At any rate please acquaint me as to your plans and do the best you can.

Yours sincerely,

Paul L. Errington,
In charge, Quail Investigation.