

June 7, 1932.

Mr. William Schuenke,
Fishing Game Commission,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Bill:

I am setting aside from my general fund ~~the~~ \$500.00 water fowl study fellowship for Logan Bennett at the College. A \$500.00 fellowship isn't very big so expenses will have to be kept at a minimum; it will be practically necessary for Bennett to camp somewhere in duck breeding grounds sufficiently concentrated so he can keep track of a worth while number of nests and broods without special provision for transportation. I don't know if there are breeding grounds good enough for his purposes in Iowa. If not perhaps he had better go to South Dakota, but I don't want him to do that except as a last resort.

I feel that I am in something of a hole with respect to this matter. It is of extreme importance as you know to get the water fowl studies started without avoidable delay, yet I am not now in any position to take a hand personally.- nor will I be until along in July by which time the nesting season will be largely over. The main idea is to locate nests and to gather the necessary data upon them - where situated, construction, mortality rates, factors, etc. After that, work on juvenile mortality will be much in order. Probably attention could be most profitably centered on late nesting species such as blue wing teal.

Do you think you or one of your good wardens could establish Bennett somewhere and assist him to get things going. I suggested that he get in touch with you. He can be reached through Prof. J. E. Guthrie at Ames. If you can help out here I would certainly appreciate it.

Yours sincerely,

Paul E. Errington,
In charge, Quail Investigation.