

March 17, 1933

Mr. Dwight Smiley,  
Grinnell College,  
Grinnell, Iowa

Dear Mr. Smiley:

I have been hoping to get around to see you for the last week or so, but have been unable to make it, and have no idea at present as to when I might.

Since the bob-white notes have already been reported in other parts of the state, it is apparent that quail coveys are losing their stability preparatory to mating. In view of the increasing restlessness and irregularity of habits attendant upon this season of the year, it will probably be of scant utility to carry on the quail census work much longer.

Since I am uncertain as to when I will be able to make you a personal call at Grinnell, perhaps it would be advisable for you to send me what recent quail data you have so that I may have it for reference for use in a paper on the wintering of mid-west bob-whites, which I am about to prepare.

I would appreciate it also if you would inquire of Miss Laity and of other students as to whether they did any work north of town. If so, would you mind sending me the data from their work, along with your own?

I will see you later on in the spring, if not within the next week or so.

Very truly yours,

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