

March 17, 1933

Dr. W. L. Strunk,
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Decorah, Iowa

Dear Dr. Strunk:

I have postponed writing relative to the matter of hiring your young man for mink studies this summer, because I thought that I would have had an early opportunity to talk with ~~you~~ personally.

I discussed the proposition with Dr. Drake, Head of the Department here, and he sees no reason why such an arrangement shouldn't be all right. Unless something disastrous befalls us, it appears that we will have available funds to pay your young man \$20.00 a month for three months during the summer.

Although I don't suppose work will start officially until the close of your school, it would probably be advantageous to locate and make some observations on what mink dens can conveniently be found.

So far as we are concerned here it will probably be best if these proposed studies are of ~~predominately~~ ^{preliminary} ecological nature, dealing with life history, juvenile mortality, food habits, and relation to other game or economic species. In addition perhaps you might have some other suggestions to make.

I have been through Decorah on a couple recent occasions, but was unable to find you in the brief time I had at my disposal. I do not know when I shall be through again, but probably in the next two or three weeks.

Very truly yours,

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