

Mr. Errington

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Dear Irwin:

I have found out that the first state game farm was established in 1913 and was moved to Clive in 1915 (Bennett, 1926, p. 103). I do not yet know, however, where the game farm was located during 1913-14. If you can find this out for me, it will complete my information except that I still do not know when the game farm was established at Lansing.

I also find that I have been laboring all along under the delusion that the quail was declared a songbird in 1917. I now find that a closed season was established until 1922, but in 1921 this was extended to 1927. I get this information from the following reference, which you should by all means have in your library and also made available for reading by the wardens. Please call it to Bill Schuenke's attention. I would think that the Commissioners would each want a copy.

Bennett, Henry Arnold. "Fish and Game Legislation in Iowa."
Reprinted by the State Historical Society from the July, 1926,
"Iowa Journal of History and Politics."

I infer that the fight in the Legislature which finally declared the bird a songbird must have taken place during 1927. I do not find the resulting statute quoted in the Department's game law pamphlet, and of course it is not quoted in Bennett because his work was published a year earlier. I need to be exact on this and would appreciate your sending me the text of the songbird law and the date of its passage.

Yours sincerely,

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