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SPEAKERS AT THE ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING:

I sent you, a few days ago, a revised mimeographed copy of my proposed introductory statement to the round-table discussion of population mechanisms. Attached is an excerpt from the program with speakers, time allotments, and subjects.

The sum total of time allows almost as much for discussion as is allotted to speakers.

As you will see, I have rather sharpened the emphasis on sex and age classes as compared with the first draft sent you some months ago. What I hope each of you can do is to describe the kind of thinking now taking place in your particular species with special emphasis on deductions from sex and age composition.

In some species such as cottontail, the only thing to report will be the preliminary development of age criteria plus some very rough data on age composition. On the other hand, in quail and pheasants important deductions can be drawn from the age data and to some extent, from the sex data.

I will leave to the leading speaker under each topic, how to divide his time allotment among the assistant speakers. I have tried to compose these groups so that the members of each would not be too distant from each other, but in the case of muskrat, I could not avoid dividing the subject between Paul Crington and Jim Beer. Paul has done all the pioneering work and Jim has the new age criteria plus some data on age composition.

I have asked for standard slide equipment (3 1/4 x 4). If you need to show slides of another standard, will you let me know so that I can arrange for the necessary equipment?

Some time before the middle of December I would appreciate a brief word from group leaders whom I have not seen in person, giving me the general status of their preparations.

I thank all of you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Aldo Leopold

PROGRAM FOR DR. DREYER
Wednesday December 31 - Congress Hotel - Chicago
9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Round Table Discussion of Animal Population Mechanisms.

Aldo Leopold, Chairman

- 9:30 - 9:45 Introduction by Chairman
- 9:45 - 10:10 Pheasant Populations. Dr. Irven O. Buss, Wisconsin Conservation Department; Dr. R. K. Meyer, Zoology Department, University of Wisconsin; Robert A. McCabe, Department of Wildlife Management, University of Wisconsin.
- 10:10 - 10:20 Discussion from floor.
- 10:20 - 10:30 Bobwhite Populations. Cyril Kabat, Wisconsin Conservation Department; Dr. Irven O. Buss, Wisconsin Conservation Department.
- 10:30 - 10:40 Discussion from floor.
- 10:40 - 10:50 Muskrat Populations. Dr. Paul L. Errington, Department of Entomology and Economic Zoology, Iowa State College; James R. Beer, Zoology Department, University of Wisconsin.
- 10:50 - 11:00 Discussion from floor.
- 11:00 - 11:15 Duck Populations. Arthur S. Hawkins, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Frank C. Bellrose, Jr., Illinois Natural History Survey.
- 11:15 - 11:25 Canada Goose Populations. Dr. William H. Elder, Zoology Department, University of Missouri; Robert Smith, US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 11:25 - 11:35 Discussion of duck and goose populations from floor.
- 11:35 - 11:45 Cottontail Populations. James B. Hale, Wisconsin Conservation Department.
- 11:45 - 12:00 Discussion of cottontail and overall discussion from floor.