

Bird Club Meeting held at The Log Cabin  
April - 1943. Prouse. No program or business  
meeting.

Iva Scheffel Sec.

Bird Club meeting held at The Home of  
Dr. McKenzie for Mrs. Lou Clark. July 2-43  
There was refreshments but no program.

Iva Scheffel Sec.

Bird Club meeting held at The Log Cabin  
Oct-19-43. Prouse.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Mrs. Bock.  
Minutes of March, April, + July meetings  
read and approved.

Treasurer reported at balance in the Treas<sup>#</sup> 12.43  
Mrs Bock read the following Committees.

Program. Prof. Ira Neeld, J. Milton Cole, Mrs  
E. C. Leber and Ila Elst Jeltz.

Picnic. Mrs. Lou Vernon, Dr. E. C. Bock,



Grace Calvert and Miss Williamson.

Notification. Mrs. W. H. Bangs, Mrs Perry  
Moufort, Mrs. Emma Rolfe, Mrs. W. G.  
Pence.

Bird Feeding. Mr. C. Lou Vernon + W. G. Pence.  
Motion moved by Pence and passed to  
allow the rate of \$1.00 for the Log Cabin.  
Motion to adjourn passed.

Ira Schuffel Sec.

Bird Club Meeting held at the Public Library  
November 9-43. Meeting called to order by  
Mrs. E. C. Leber who introduced J. Wilbur Dole  
who gave an illustrated talk on Hawks, Eagles  
and Shore Birds. Mr. Ayers of Ottumwa told of their  
Mrs. Bock had charge of the business meeting <sup>club</sup>  
following the program.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and  
approved.

Mrs. Bock read the program for the year.



Moved & seconded ~~passed~~ That The meeting be adjourned. Motion passed carried.

Ira Scheffel Sec.

- 1/18 C. D. Vernon speaker Starlings at Scheffel home  
2/8 W. W. Aitken " How To know more at Peuce ..  
3/14. Charles C. Ayers .. Birds in Iowa. Book home  
4/11 Mrs. Tone Wendelberg .. Wilderness Ramble.  
5/9 Apt. W. S. Peuce May Breakfast Log Cabin

Bird Club meeting held at the home of Ira Scheffel January 18th. Meeting was called to order by Vice Pres. Mrs. Peuce. ~~Minutes~~ Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Treasure reported \$14.23 in Treas. Mr. Vernon announced the Committee had arranged for Bird feed. \$11.66 reported in the bird feeding fund. Meeting was turned over to Dr. Heald, program chairman who introduced Mr. Vernon. He gave a very interesting talk on Starlings after which he conducted an open discussion.



Dr. Heald read a letter received by Mr. Sole from  
Lt. Malcolm M<sup>c</sup> Donald which told of the Birds in Florida  
Joe Scheffel sec.

Bird Club Meeting held in the home of Supt & Mrs.  
M. G. Pease February 8. Meeting called to order  
by Pres. Mrs. E. C. Bock. Minutes of last meeting  
read and approved. Mr. Ayers, a guest from Attumwa,  
announced the meeting of their Bird Club Apr. 4  
with the guest speaker Alexander Spruit Jr. and invited  
any of our club who cared to attend the meeting. Mrs.  
E. C. Leber read a letter from the Garden Club of  
Washington asking for a speaker on Starlings. Letter  
was referred to Mr. Vernon. Mrs. Bock turned  
the meeting over to Dr. Heald who introduced  
Mr. Sole who introduced the speaker for the evening  
W. W. Cuthen. Mr. Cuthen gave a very interesting  
talk on "How to Have more Birds in Iowa".

Light refreshments of coffee and cakes was served, Mrs. Bock  
and Mrs. Jenness presiding at the table. Joe Scheffel sec



Bird Club meeting held at the home of Mr and Mrs. J. N. Crow March 21 with Mrs. Ben Taylor assistant hostess. The meeting was called to order by Vice Pres Mrs. J. R. Jenness.

~~Mrs. Jenness presented a bill of~~  
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$4.75 in the treasury on Feb 8. 95¢ collected for dues making a total of \$15.48 on hand Mar 21-44. \$2.70 was paid to the Jackson Feed Store out of the Bird Feed Fund for feed for the female making a balance in the Bird Feed Fund of \$8.96

Mrs. Jenness presented a bill for \$1.50 for flowers for J. Wilburdole. Bill was allowed.

Mrs. Jenness read the nominating committee consisting of Mrs. M<sup>rs</sup>. Kenzie, Miss Calvert and Mrs. Bangs.

Mrs. Jenness & Mrs. Crow spoke about Blue Bird House and asked those wanting them to notify Mrs. Jenness.



Dr. Heald, chairman of the Program Committee announced the April meeting with Mrs. Tone New delberg as guest speaker. This will be an open meeting.

E.C. Leber announced the lecture by Dr. Eric Mann at the H.S. Friday evening.

Mr. Ayres announced the lecture by Sprunt on Apr 4. at Attenuva would be "Wonders of the Southern Wilderness". Fairfield Club are invited to attend.

Mrs. Ruth Taylor announced that John Goodman was making a Census of African birds, many of which he was unable to find the names.

Dr. Heald introduced Charles C. Ayres of Attenuva who talked on "The nesting of Birds". He illustrated his talk by showing the following nests from his collection: Cliff Swallow, Field Sparrow, Clipping Sparrow, Red winged Blackbird, Orchard Oriole, Indigo Bunting, Red eyed Vireo, Gold finch, Chimney Swift,



Humming bird and Downy Wood Pecker.  
Refreshments of coffee and cakes were served.  
Iva Scheffel, Sec.

April Meeting of the Fairfield Bird Club  
was held in the home of Dr. & Mrs. McKenzie  
April 11.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Pres. Mrs.  
J. R. Jones.

Reading of minutes read and approved.  
Treasurer reported a balance of \$10.48 in  
the Treasury.

Dr. Heald announced the picnic - The  
second Tues. in May at the Water works  
with the Committee - Mrs. C. Don Vernon,  
Dr. Rock, Miss Grace Calvert and Miss  
Millimanov.

The Nominating Committee presented the following  
Officers for the new year, ~~who were elected.~~  
Pres. Dr. J. Heald; Vice Pres. Mr. E. C. Loda,



Sec. Treas Iva Scheffel.

Fay Lawson moved to accept the report of the nominating committee, motion carried.

Robins Ledges and Blue Bird houses were on display and those making houses were to call Ross Walker.

Motion to adjourn - carried.

Mr. Heald turned the meeting over to Ella Glotfelty who gave a paper on "Listening to the Birds".

Mr. Heald gave a review of Sprunt's lecture at Altamwa Apr 4. Mrs. Emma Roth added a few facts. Others attending the lecture were Fay Lawson, Ella Glotfelty, Iva Scheffel and Mrs. Heald.



The Fairfield Bird Club met on March 20, 1945 in the board room at the library. The vice president, Mrs. Leber presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. J. Kilbur Dole reported need of bird feed and \$2.35 was spent for feed for the quail in Water Works Park.

Mr. Dole gave an interesting resumé of the history of the Bird Club. All expressed a wish that the club be continued.

It was moved by Mr. Dole that a nominating committee for officers be appointed. It was carried and Mr. Pence, Miss Glotfelty, and Mr. Dole were appointed by Mrs. Leber.

Miss Glotfelty read a letter she had received from Malcom M. Donald.

Mrs. Labaugh was asked to put



an article in the Ledger calling attention to Bird Day, March 21.

Mrs. Fordyce moved that each one try to interest a member in the Club.  
Motion carried.

Mr. Pence gave the report of the nominating committee:-

President - Grace Calvert

Vice-President - Mrs. Chester Fordyce

Sec. Treasurer - Estella W<sup>m</sup>son

The report was adopted unanimously.

The following program committee was appointed:- Mr. Dole, Mrs. Jenness, Mrs. Labaugh.

Mrs. Mc Kenzie moved that the number of meetings should be left to the officers and program committee to decide.  
Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned in due form -  
Estella Williamson (Sec. Treas.)



The Fairfield Bird Club met in the Mr. Elhaney House on Tuesday, April 10, 1945 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Calvert.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given:

Cash on hand. March 1945 \$ 10.48

Received by dues Mar. 20 3.75

Balance on hand. April 10 = \$ 14.23

Miss Calvert named the Bird Hike Committee, Ola Glotfelty and Faye Lawson.

It was reported that Dix and Mrs. Boock would have charge of the next meeting which was to be a picnic. The time and place to be announced by the committee.

Miss Glotfelty invited all who care to hike on Sunday, April 15, to meet in



Howard Park at 6:45 a.m.

Mr. Ayres invited the members to attend the convention of the Iowa Ornithologists Union which was to be held in Ottumwa, May 5-6. There would be a reception on Saturday, May 5, at 7:30. At this meeting the incoming president will be presented with a Steffinus bird painting. The hike was to be Sunday, May 6, commencing at 6:00 a.m. and ending at Lake Kappels at noon. Mr. Dole also urged us to attend if possible.

Mr. Ayres presented a most interesting program. He showed lovely and unusual pictures which he had <sup>and</sup> Mr. Alfred Bailey of the Colorado State Museum had taken in the Rockies. His clear explanations and wide range of bird lore gave the members



of the Club a rich experience.

Miss Calvert then showed us some pictures which were taken at her summer cottage near Denver.

It was moved by Mrs. Leber and seconded by Mrs. Fordyce that the meeting be adjourned.

Estella Williamson

Secretary Treasurer



The Fairfield Bird Club met at  
the Log Cabin in Old Settlers' Park on  
May 21, 1945.

The members each brought a  
covered dish and everyone enjoyed a  
feast.

After the meal the meeting was  
called to order by Miss Calvert, the  
president.

Mr. Dole, Miss Glotfelty, Miss Lawson,  
and Miss Calvert gave very interesting  
reports of the convention of the State  
Ornithologists Union in Ottumwa.

The meeting was closed in due  
form.

Estella Williamson  
Secretary - Treasurer



Oct. 13, 1945

The October meeting of the Fairfield Bird Club took the form of a browse at the Log Cabin in Old Settlers Park.

Nineteen members were present.

After the picnic supper, the meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Grace Calvert.

The minutes of the April and May meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Dole, chairman of the Program Committee, gave an outline of three meetings planned:

1. Mrs. Fred Spielman, pictures of birds  
or

Mr. Dole at the museum

2. Miss Estella Williamson, Book review Audubon by Peattie

3. Miss Baumgartner - bird mimic from Des Moines

Miss Pearl Walker introduced



an interesting guest, young Mr. Sparrow Hawk. She told us of his habits, and he received the comments of the members kindly.

Each one in the circle around the fire then told any interesting experience he had had in binding during the summer months.

Meeting was closed in due form.

Estella Williamson  
Secretary Treasurer



Dec. 1, 1945

The Fairfield Bird Club met on December 1, 1945 in the Board Room at the Public Library. Miss Calvert, the president, presided.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read

Balance on hand, Oct. 13 = <sup>\$</sup>16.98

Disbursements 1.90

Balance on hand, Dec. 1 = 15.08

Miss Calvert introduced Mr. Dole who had the program for the evening. Mr. Dole had brought down from the museum several birds which he used to illustrate his talk. Among those birds which he discussed were the terns, gulls, belted kingfisher, owls, American cuckoo, and humming birds. It was a



most interesting study and the  
listeners gained a great deal of bird  
lore.

Estella Williamson  
Secretary Treasurer



Jan. 19, 1946

The Fairfield Bird Club met on January 19, 1946 in the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Bock. The president, Miss Calvert, called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Miss Glottfeldy read a letter she had received from Malcolm M. Donald in which he sent his greetings to the members of the Club. He is now stationed in the Phillipines and told about some of his interesting field trips.

Mr. Dole, program chairman, reported that Malcolm M. Donald may have the next meeting, pending arrangements. In that event, Miss Thada and Miss M. Pherson, would have the April meeting.

Miss Josephine Baumgartner of Des Moines will be here on March 16.



She is a bird mimics and the author of a book on Warblers. She has also contributed articles to "Nature" and to other magazines.

Robert Goodman told of his adventures in birding in North Africa and Italy. He promised a more detailed report later.

The program was in charge of Estella Williamson, who reviewed the book by Donald Chroos Peattie - Singing in the Wilderness  
A Salute to John James Audubon.

Mrs. Bock served delicious refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Estella Williamson  
Secretary Treasurer

Approved April 6, 1946



April 6, 1946

The Fairfield Bird Club met on April 6, 1946 at the Mc. Chaney House. The president, Miss Calvert, presided.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read:

Bal. on hand, Oct. 13, 1946	\$ 16.98
Disbursements, Oct. 13, 1946	<u>1.90</u>
Balance on hand, Oct. 13, 1946	\$ 15.08

Miss Calvert appointed the nominating committee for officers for the coming year - Ch. Mrs. L. N. Crow, Miss Ida Glotfeldy, Miss Faye Lawson.

It was announced that there would be no more planned meetings this spring but that bird browsers would constitute the program.

Miss Calvert introduced Miss Jo Baumgartner, our guest from Des Moines, who opened her program by whistling a



edly of bird calls, accompanied by Virginia Johnson of the piano. Her numbers were loudly and were received enthusiastically. Miss Baumgarten then played several records of bird calls which were made by Cornell University Ornithology Dept. Many times she accompanied the records with her own imitations of the bird calls, matching them perfectly.

After the Miss Baumgarten asked questions which Mr. Dole had prepared on the Eastern Goldfinch. She awarded a copy of her own booklets on Iowa's state bird to the three highest scores - Miss May, Miss Lawson, and Mrs. Beck.

Following the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. E. C. Beck and Mrs. Julia Mrs. Perry, with Elva Stottfeldy and Miss Lawson assisting.



It was a delightful and instructive evening, and the program committee is to be congratulated for securing Miss Baumgartner's talent for our enjoyment.

Estella Williamson  
Secretary Treasurer



May 11, 1946

On Saturday night, May 11, the Fairfield Bird Club enjoyed a browse at the Log Cabin with nine members present. An informal meeting was held before the fire place and Mr. Dole reported the proceedings and program of the state meeting of the Iowa Ornithologists' Union at Mt. Vernon on May 4 and 5.

The following bills were allowed:

\$5.00 to the Woman's Club for Guest Night  
\$8.75 traveling expenses & entertainment for Miss Baumgartner.

\$1.00 rental for log cabin for browse.

In the absence of the chairman of the nominating committee, the president gave her report. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the present officers be re-elected. Dr. Von Ohlen was appointed to the program committee.

Approved Jan. 31, 1947

Ila Scheffel  
Secretary Protem



Jan. 31, 1947

The Fairfield Bird Club met in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Bock on Friday evening, Jan. 31, 1947. Miss Calvert presided.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given

Balance on hand May 1, 1946 \$ 15.83

Disbursements 14.75

Balance on hand \$ 1.08

Mr. Dole, chairman of the program committee, announced that Dr. Von Ohlen would have the next meeting. He will give an illustrated bird talk.

Mr. Dole also said that Mr. Musgrave, assistant curator at the Des Moines Museum, may be here for our annual guest meeting. Plans are being made to that effect.

The program consisted of three travel talks made by Ida Scheffel,



Grace Colvert, and Estella Williamson. The three members had travelled in the West during the summer, and told some of the interesting experiences they had had.

After the program, Mrs. Bock served delicious refreshments.

Estella Williamson  
Secretary, Treasurer



Feb. 28, 1947

The Fairfield Bird Club met on Friday evening, Feb. 28, 1947 in Foster Hall at Parsons College. Dr. & Mrs. Von Ohlen were hosts. Miss Calvert presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given -

Bal. on hand - Jan. 1947 - 1.08

Receipts from dues 4.00

Balance on hand - Feb. 1947: \$ 5.08

Mr. Dole, ch. of the program committee reported that Mr. Chas. Ayres of Ottumwa would be our speaker at the March meeting. This will be our annual guest program.

Miss Calvert will appoint a nominating committee before the next meeting.

Dr. Von Ohlen had a most



interesting program. He gave the club members a short test entitled 'Winged Colors' taken from the Feb. Nature Magazine. This was followed by bird call records. These were made by the Cornell University Ornithology Dept. and were exceptionally good.

Two movies Realm of the Wild and Inland Waterways both in technicolor were shown. They were both beautiful and informative, and were enjoyed by everyone.

At the conclusion 12 slides depicting extremely 'rare' birds were shown. It added considerably to our interest when we learned they originated in Fairfield and would be seen nowhere else.

Mrs. Von Ohlen served delicious refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Estelle Williamson  
Sec. Treasurer



## Local Bird Club Hears Address By Ottumwa Attorney

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Attorney Charles Ayers of Ottumwa in an address before the Fair-weather Bird club, Friday night, gave a fair-raising account of a perilous ride through the mountainous west of California to get a glimpse of the few remaining California Condors. There are probably less than 100 of these giant vultures left in this country.

His word-picture of his explorations through the Los Angeles area to view the bird life of that section was accompanied with picture slides. Miss Pearl Walker, secretary and treasurer of the Ottumwa Bird

club, handled the projector.

His story of the Burrowing Owl was especially interesting. This bird's cousin, the so-called "Prairie Dog Owl," so numerous fifty years ago on the western plains east of the Rocky mountains, is now practically extinct.

At the election officers of the local bird club, Miss Estella Williamson was chosen president for the ensuing year; Miss Faye Lawson, vice president, and Mrs. Emma Roth, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting was held in the McElhinny House. Refreshments were served after adjournment.

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### FLOOD ACTION.

GAINSBOROUGH, England, March 29—(UP)—Seven boats loaded with concrete will be sunk by



March 28, 1947

The Fairfield Bird Club met on Friday, March 28, 1947 at the McElhany House for the annual guest night meeting. The president Miss Calvert, presided.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read: -

Bal. on hand Feb. 1, 1947	\$ 5.08
Receipts from dues	<u>2.00</u>
Bal. on hand March 1, 1947	\$ 7.08

The report of the nominating committee was read by Mr. Dole, chairman.

President - Estella Williamson

Vice President - Miss Faye Lawson

Secretary - Treas. Mrs. Emma Roth

They were elected by unanimous ballot.

Mr. Dole moved and Miss Olson seconded that bills for the March meeting be allowed - Motion carried.

Miss Calvert read a letter con-



Feb. x 17  
March. 17  
April.

Miss Williamson - Chairman  
Grace Calvert - Clerk

W. E. HESTER, CLERK

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## FAIRFIELD BIRD CLUB PROGRAMS

Date	Speaker	Topic	Place
1/18	C.D. Vernon	STARLINGS	Iva Scheffeld
2/8	W. W. Aitken	HOW TO HAVE MORE BIRDS IN IOWA	
3/14	Charles C. Ayres	IOWA BIRDS ?	
4/11	Mrs. Toné Wendelberg	WILDERNESS RAMBLE	
5/9	.	MAY BREAKFAST	Log Cabin

I. F. Heald, Chairman  
Program Committee

*Mrs Leber gave copy to Mrs Doeb.*



cerning a bird call contest to be held April 10 over the Ames College radio station.

Miss Calvert also told the club of the fine program carried on by Mr. Dole and Mr. Taylor around March 21. Several hundred grade children came to the library and were shown many familiar birds and told interesting facts about them.

Mr. Dole announced that the last meeting of the year would be a browse in April or May.

The members reported informally on the arrival of the spring birds.

Miss Calvert then introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Charles Ayres.

Mr. Ayres gave us an extremely interesting account of his recent trip to California. He also showed beautifully colored slides of the birds he had seen. Some of the most outstanding were



those of the California Condors, which are now one of the five rarest birds in America. The vermilion flycatcher was another beautiful bird. The Californian woodpecker was different from our mid-west birds. It was interesting to learn how he stored acorns for future use.

Mr. Ayres had seen and had a picture of the yellow-billed magpie, which is seen only in California and is the only bird in the U. S. to be found in one state alone.

Following Mr. Ayres' talk, delicious refreshments were served in the club dining room. Mrs. Bock presided at the tea table, assisted by the hostesses, Miss Calvert and Miss Glotfelty

Estella Williamson  
Secretary Treasurer



Nov. 18, 1947

Mrs. A. E. Labaugh was a gracious hostess to the Fairfield Bird Club, at her home on Tuesday evening Nov. 18, 1947.

The new president Miss Estella Williamson presided.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given. Cash on hand Nov. 18, 1947 was \$5.31. On Nov. 28, the treasurer cashed a note of The Fairfield Bird Club at The First National Bank, amounting to \$6.00, making the cash on hand now \$11.31

The amount of the Bird Feeding Fund still remaining, is, \$6.61

Miss Williamson announced the following members of the Program Committee for the year, Professor Van Ohlen, Mr. Dale, Miss McPherson,



and Miss Thada.

The president also appointed Mr. and Mrs. Bock assisted by Miss Faye Lawson to serve as a Hospitality Committee.

Mr. Dole moved, and Mrs. Bock seconded the motion, to set the dates for Bird Club meetings for the second Wednesdays of the months - January, February, and March. The dates are to be subject to change if necessary.

The subject for the January meeting is to be on "sparrows" and the meeting is to be held at the Fairfield Library.

The program committee is making plans for a movie at a later meeting.



Mrs. Labaugh, who is an ardent bird lover, reviewed the book, "Foot Notes On Nature," by John Kieran.

It is an interesting story of the experiences and observations of John Kieran and a group of friends on their rambles through New England fields. With his many other talents he may be listed as a very keen observer, and an authority on birds. He is particularly gifted in remembering bird songs, and looks upon nature through an artistic eye.

He considers the hermit thrush as the most beautiful singer, in that particular region.

The Club was happy to have as guests for the evening, three interested young men, from Parsons



College.

After the close of the summer meeting, Mrs. Adair served delightful refreshments of doughnuts and coffee.

Emma Roth

Secretary and Treasurer



Jan. 14, 1948

The January meeting of the Bird Club was held in the Board Room of the Public Library.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Williamson.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read.

Balance on hand Jan. 14, 1948 was \$11.31

Receipts from dues Jan. 14, 1948 was \$4.00

Total cash on hand Jan. 14, 1948 - - - \$15.31

after some discussion on raising dues of the club, Dr. Van Ohlen moved that the dues of the Fairfield Bird Club be raised to \$1.00 per year for adults, and 25¢ for members under 16 years of age, in order, for the club, to be able to finance some worthwhile programs for the club meetings.



Miss Herdlicka seconded the motion.

Mr. Dole whose subject was "Sparrows" had charge of the program. His interesting talk, was high-lighted, by the mounted birds which he had brought down from the museum, to illustrate his talk.

The sparrow family is considered the largest of any of the species of birds.

There are said to be 1200 species and subspecies. The sparrow family <sup>is found</sup> in every country except Australia.

The different species vary in color and size.

Iowa is reported to have 50 different species of which 20 are fairly common hereabouts.



Some were classified as migrant as the purple finch.

Some as winter residents as the junco and tree sparrow, and some as all time residents as the cardinal and the gold finch.

Among those discussed and illustrated were: the cardinal (male and female), indigo bunting, gros-beak, purple finch, the red-poll, gold finch (sometimes called the thistle bird, or wild canary), the ground robin (often called chewink or towhee), the junco, the canary, the vesper sparrow, lark sparrow, Harris sparrow (migrant), dickcissel sparrow, long spur sparrow, the red, cross-bill (so called because of the bill which is particularly adapted for cutting seeds from cones of coniferous trees), <sup>and winters in northern Iowa,</sup> the tree sparrow (with the black spot on the



least as a distinguishing feature, the

Chipping Sparrow (considered the faintest

of the species) the white crown and to

be the most beautiful, and the Jay

Sparrow (which is the largest and

looks much like the Hermit Thrush)

The Sparrow family has one

feature in common, namely - the

corn shaped bills for cracking seeds.

Scientists have recently ranked this

species of birds first in rank, as to

anatomical perfection.

The English Sparrow, as has been

unanimously believed, does not belong

to this species of birds.

Now a little looking of members,

suggested by Mr. Fones, Members

present, tried to recall the names

by looking at the mounted birds

birds, some member was successful

with each one presented, showing that



Mr. Dole had done good work, in his presentation of the different species of the sparrow family.

After this the meeting was adjourned.

Emma Roth

Secretary-Treasurer.



Feb. 18, 1948. The Fairfield Bird Club met on Wednesday evening, Feb. 18, 1948 in Foster Hall at Parsons College with Dr. and Mrs. Van Ohlen as hosts.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Williamson, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Van Ohlen presented one of his students Keith Schreiner of Ollie, who gave a very interesting talk on the life history of the bob white (quail).

He spoke of his experiences as a member of the Iowa State College Extension Division group, of Iowa Life Conservation, on an 820 acre tract, located south-west of Eldon, where the observations were made.

He pointed out that the nests were difficult to find, because of the



protective instincts of the bird, and that only about 32 nests were found.

The father is the nest builder which is made on the ground, and usually contains from 12 to 14 eggs. Some nests are built with a cover, others are not.

The calls of the unmated cocks caused confusion in trying to locate nests, because of their migratory habit of moving from place to place.

Of the nest predators, mentioned, the house cat is considered the greatest. Others were the Crows, red tailed hawks, shunks, weasles, minks and snakes. Surprisingly the fox does not prey upon nests as much as has been thought.

The young hatch in 23 days and leave the nest in an hour after



being hatched. In case of danger they scatter quickly, and because of their coloring, they are very difficult to find.

After this talk Dr. Van Ohlen showed 2 delightful films, in color, The Ruby throated humming bird, and the red wing blackbird. Both <sup>films</sup> were much enjoyed by the group.

At the close of the program, Mrs. Van Ohlen served tasty refreshments at a beautifully appointed table, with a center piece of peach blossoms. The sprigs had been cut from the tree, a few weeks earlier and forced into bloom, for the occasion.

Professor Harris Palmer new instructor in the science department, at the college, was a guest.

Emma Roth  
Secretary and Treasurer.



Mar. 30, 1948.

The Fairfield Bird Club met on March 30, in the Home Economics room, at the high school.

The meeting, which was the sixteenth anniversary of the the Fairfield Bird Club, was called to order, by the president, Miss Williamson,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read. Cash on hand on March 30, was \$27.56.

A motion was made and seconded, that the bills for the expenses of Anniversary and Guest Night be allowed.

Miss Williamson, appointed a nominating committee for



officers to serve for the coming year. Those appointed were, Miss Calvert, Miss Lindauer, and Mr. Dole.

The president, also appointed a committee to make arrangements, and set a date for a picnic, which will be the April meeting. This committee was, Jaze Lawson chairman, Ila Glottfely, Margaret Herdliska and Mabel Gilchrist.

Mr. Dole introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr. Robert Moorman, who is doing extension work for the Wild Life Conservation Extension Service, of Ames.

His aim is to promote awareness and value of wild life, and to encourage young people to have



more interest in conservation and wild life, because young people assimilate readily, and are the grown up people of tomorrow.

He gave a short history of the origin of the extension service, which was introduced by part time workers.

It was interesting to note that Dr. Thomas Scott at Ames was the first full time worker in the nation.

Mr. Moorman recommended the development of land around ponds, for wild life. He is striving to get boys interested in trapping and proper handling of furs. It has been found in the past



that 25% of the value of the furs has been lost by improper handling.

This extension service is carried on by newspaper service, by talks on radios, by use of colored slides, by correspondence, by sending out bulletins published by the school, and by working through farm bureaus and Four "H." Clubs in rural areas.

After the talk Mr. Moorman showed a film, and displayed booklets and bulletins for the group's inspection.

The film, "Water Birds," showing herons, flamingos, egrets, wild ducks and Canada geese, was much enjoyed.

Several interesting facts were noted. The flamingos so



common in Florida, are native of India, and the Canada geese prove to be the most watchful <sup>parents</sup> of any of the water birds. The young of the wild geese and ducks are surprisingly adept at moving about in search of their own food, and they have the ability to swim very soon after being hatched.

It was also noted, that the flight of the large birds seemed very graceful in comparison to their seeming awkwardness in other respects. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served at a table lovely with spring flowers, at the close of the meeting. Mrs Bock



and Miss Williamson poured.

Emma Roth

Secretary and Treasurer.



April 23, 1948

The Bird Club meeting for April 23, was in the form of a picnic, held at Old Settlers' Park.

It was attended by 24 members, and a bountiful picnic supper was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Williamson, the president, called a short business meeting.

A motion was made and approved that bills for the picnic expenses be allowed to Miss Jayer Lawson, chairman of the picnic committee.

The nominating committee chairman, Miss Grace Calvert, gave the report, for officers



of the coming year. They were  
Miss Estella Williamson, president  
Miss Jaye Lawson vice president  
Miss Margaret Herdlika secretary  
and treasurer.

The threatening weather,  
terminated the pleasant  
gathering, somewhat earlier  
than had been anticipated.

Emma Roth

Secretary and Treasurer



April 1, 1949

The Fairfield Bird Club met April 1 in Foster Hall with Grace Lawson presiding. Minutes of the April 1948 meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Dole made a program report. Prof. Van Ohlen being responsible for the April 1 meeting and Mr. Dole taking care of the second meeting. The following officers were nominated and elected: President, Margaret Herdlicka; Vice-president, Mildred Hoover; Secretary, Treasurer, Lillian Thada.

Prof. Miller of the science department and three of his students presented a most interesting program. Keith Shriver spoke on the history of the ringneck pheasant; Don Lee gave a preliminary report on the winter bird trapping project



he is doing; Dale Galespy made observations on local water fowl. There was discussion on each of these topics. Three films were shown: Water Birds, Birds in Winter, and Birds of Prey.

Meeting was adjourned.

Margaret Herdlicka  
Secretary.



April 28, 1949

The Fairfield Bird Club met April 28, 1949 at the Fairfield High School with the president, Margaret Herdliska, presiding. Minutes of the April 1, 1949 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$37.03. An announcement was made of a wildlife trailer sponsored by the Iowa Conservation Society to be in Fairfield, May 5.

Mr. Dole announced plans for the state bird club meeting at McGregor, May 14-15.

The program was in charge of Mr. Dole who showed slides sent by Jack Musgrave.

Meeting adjourned  
Lillian D. Thayer



January 13, 1950  
Fairfield Bird Club met  
January 13, 1950 at Foster Hall.  
Three films shown by Dr.  
VonOhlen formed the program for  
the meeting. The films were: "Birds  
of the Dooryard", "Birds of the  
Countryside" and "Birds of Prey."

Margaret Herdlicka, president,  
conducted the business meeting.  
Minutes of the April 28, 1949 meeting  
were read and approved. The  
program committee was announced  
as consisting of Mrs. Ben Taylor,  
Dr. Floyd VonOhlen, & Viola Hayward.  
Mrs. Taylor presented plans for  
the year's program which included  
the February meeting in charge  
of Dr. VonOhlen and the May browse  
at Taylor's cabin about the



second week in May. Other chairmen and hostesses were arranged during the meeting.

A decision was made to keep the club year from March to March and keep the present officers for the coming year.

Mildred Hoover moved that those who paid dues in April, 1949 have those dues count for the 1950-1951 year. Seconded by Mrs. Von Ahlen. Carried.

A discussion of a tribute to Mr. J. Wilbur Cole was held. Grace Calvert moved that initial steps be taken to place a memorial to Mr. Cole in the Fairfield Public Library; this memorial, preferably to be ~~bind~~ prints. Seconded



by Mrs. Hoover. Carried. The  
President appointed Grace  
Calvert as Chairman of this  
committee with Estella  
Williamson, and Ben Taylor  
to assist.

Meeting adjourned.

Light refreshments were  
served by the hostesses:  
Mildred Hoover, Emma Rath, and  
Mary Olson.

Lillian B. Thada  
Recording Secretary



2/17/50

The Fairfield Bird Club met at Foster Hall at 7:30, February 17, 1950 with the president, Margaret Herdliska, presiding.

Minutes of the January 13 meeting were read and approved. A discussion of a tribute to Mr. Dole was held and Mrs. Taylor moved that we accept the recommendation of the committee that a set of bird recordings be placed in the city library so they would be available to all groups. Seconded by Ada Edwards. Motion carried.

Faye Lawson moved that a bill for \$2.00 for refreshments be allowed to Mildred Hoover. Seconded by Mary McPherson. Carried.

Announcement of the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at the high school with Estella Williamson as chairman assisted by Ada Edwards and Faye Lawson.

The evening's program was



directed by Floyd Von Ohlen and Ben  
Taylor. Dr. Von Ohlen <sup>introduced</sup> ~~discussed~~  
Mr. Bramon of the Iowa State  
Conservation Commission who  
explained the work of the Conservation  
officers. This was followed by two  
films, "Spring in the Woodland", and  
"Fall Flashes".

Meeting adjourned -

Lillian B. Thada

Recording Secretary



3/17/50

The Fairfield Bird Club met in the Homemaking room of Fairfield High School March 17, 1950 with the President, Margaret Herdlicka presiding. Minutes of the February 17 meeting were read and approved. The treasury balance was \$43.78. 40 members present.

Grace Calvert moved that a bill of \$6<sup>16</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for the expenses of the March meeting be allowed. Seconded by Floyd von Ohlen. Carried. Another bill of \$8<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for records as a tribute to Mr. J. Milbur Dole was presented. It was moved by Floyd von Ohlen and seconded by Faye Lawson that this bill be allowed. Motion carried.

Because of conflict the April 21 meeting was scheduled for April 14. Estelle Williamson, program



Chairman for the evening presented Mr. James Taylor of the Jefferson County Agricultural Service who discussed the topic, "Benefit of Birds to Agriculture." During his talk he showed slides of various birds.

Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by the committee, Estelle Williamson, Ada Edwards, and Faye Lawson.

Meeting adjourned.

Lillian D. Thada  
Recording Secretary



5/14/50

The Fairfield Bird Club meet at the Waterworks Park, at 5:30 P. M. May 14, 1950 for a cooperative supper with Mary McPherson and Lillian G. had a in charge of arrangements.

Following the bird browse and supper, the business meeting was called to order by the president, Margaret Herdliska. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasury indicated a balance of \$43.62 Bird lists for the season were turned in by those present. The president read an account of the activities of the Ottumwa Bird Club, after



which the formal business session adjourned and the remainder of the evening was spent in <sup>discussing</sup> informal bird observations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lillian B. Grhada  
Recording Secretary



November 21, 1950

The Fairfield Bird Club met at Foster Hall of Parsons College November 21, 1950 at eight o'clock with the president, Margaret Herdliska, presiding. 31 were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$48.37. Mrs. Ben Taylor, program chairman, announced the next meeting to be held at the Fairfield Public Library, Saturday, December 9 with Dr. Floyd Von Ohlen in charge of the program.

A bill of \$2.91 was presented by Mrs. Viola Hayward for refreshments for the November



meeting. Dr. Touchlen moved that this bill be allowed. Motion carried.

The president then introduced Professor Harris Palmer who gave a talk on rocks and minerals. He explained the structure of rocks and how they are formed and discussed ways of distinguishing minerals. This talk was made very interesting by passing around samples of the minerals as they were explained.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lillian B. Thada  
Recording Secretary



December 9, 1950

Fairfield Bird Club met at Fairfield Public Library, Saturday, December 9 at 2 P.M. Dr. Floyd Von Ohlen had charge of the program which consisted of showing slides of toads and frogs accompanied by records to explain the habits of the frogs and toads. To close the program, Dr. Von Ohlen threw slides of well-known birds on the screen and the audience named the birds shown. Seventeen members were present.

No formal business session was held.

Lillian C. Thada



1/26/51

The January meeting of the Fairfield Bird Club was held at Foster Hall of Parsons College on Friday evening, January 26 at eight o'clock.

Minutes of the previous regular session were read and approved. The balance in the treasury was \$46.46.

Thirty-nine were in attendance.

Mrs. Taylor, program chairman, announced that the February meeting would feature a program by Charles Rynes of Ottumwa. The president appointed the following nominating committee: Estella Williamson, chairman, Mary McPherson, and Emma Roth.

Dr. Floyd von Ohlen, the evening's program chairman, showed two films which were



a courtesy of Dwight Bramon of the  
State Conservation Commission. The  
first film, "Sunrise Serenade" showed  
very vividly the activities of three  
different types of grouse. This was