

OTTUMWA BIRD CLUB

Aug. 3, 1944.

Thirty members of the Ottumwa Bird Club met at the home of Jane and Mary Wood, 330 N. Evergreen, for an out-of-door meeting.

President, Charles C. Ayres, Jr. spoke briefly about his recent trip to Denver and of acquiring a complete set of Bent's "Life Histories of North American Birds."

Miss Mary Wood presented "A Study in Bird-Song" which was quite instructive. She pointed out the fact that one who can name the birds he hears can find more birds than the person who must see every species to identify it. Some expert ornithologists do 90% of their field identification by ear. Phonograph records were used throughout the program to illustrate the various bird songs and calls.

Several games were participated in by the group one of which was a fisherman's talltale made complete by filling the blanks with names of birds.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.