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IOWA ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION.

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Dear Fellow-member of the I.O.U.-

Please do not consider this a "President's Message" in the ordinary sense of the word but just a few words of greeting to all of you and especially to those of you who were unfortunate enough to be unable to attend the Ames meeting.

I think that every one of the many members there will agree with me that this was the finest meeting that we have had and it is to be regretted that every member could not be present. The program was carried out in full, with only one exception, and this paper was at hand but had to be omitted on account of time.

Besides the regular reports of officers and other routine business the papers and lectures were as follows:-

- Report of the Pittsburg meeting of the A.O.U. by Dr. Stephens.
- Report of the Nashville Meeting of the W.O.C. by C. J. Spiker.
- Adventures in Bird Banding by Miss Kathleen Hempel of Elkader.
- Birds of Sixty Years Ago by Rev. L. T. Weeks of Emmetsburg.
- Martins and Martin Houses by T. H. Whitney of Atlantic.
- Economic Relation of Birds to Agriculture by J. J. Cole of Nevada.
- The Birds' Garden, by Weir R. Mills of Pierson.
- Popularizing Birds, by Mrs. Henry Frankel of Des Moines (Illustrated)
- An Iowa Bird student in Colorado by A. J. Palas of Des Moines.
- The Garden of Eden by Dr. Weeks of Emmetsburg.

In addition to the above, should be mentioned the wonderful illustrated lecture on Island Bird Life on Friday afternoon by Walter W. Bennett of Sioux City and this was followed by the fine banquet on Friday evening in conjunction with the Iowa Conservation Association. Through the courtesy and kindness of their Secretary, Prof. MacDonald, all members of the I.O.U. received invitations and we wish to extend our thanks to the Conservation Association for this as well as other favors shown us throughout the entire joint meeting.

Begin now to plan to attend the meeting next year and I will promise you that you will find that it will be a real treat. Any suggestions for next year's program will be welcomed and will be acted upon early enough to have it ready on time.

Bird Day was observed last year for the first time in Iowa and we trust that all members will see to it that it is properly observed this year through the schools, the press and Clubs, etc. The date is March 21st and as this falls on Saturday this year it will have to be observed on Friday or the following Monday. This we feel is a good way to awaken interest in bird study and bird protection and we should all do our best to boost for Bird Day.

I want to urge also that sectional meetings be held in each of the four sections of the State during the summer months, where all bird lovers get together, and many who could not attend the State Meeting could attend their sectional meeting. For instance Waterloo or Mason City or McGregor in the northeast section, Sioux City or Emmetsburg in the northwest section, Atlantic in the southwest section and Des Moines or Ottumwa or Burlington in the southeast section. If the local clubs in the various sections would each arrange one summer meeting I am sure that many of your officers would attend, and would do their utmost to make your meeting a success. Please take this matter up with either our Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Bailey of 2109 Nebraska St., Sioux City, or myself and we will be glad to assist you.

The Cardinals are whistling in the woods, the Bluebirds are here with their sweet warbling song and soon the great throng of Warblers and other songsters will be with us so let's enjoy them while we can and here's hoping that you all have a glorious summer with the birds.

Have you paid your 1925 dues yet? If not just send Mrs. Bailey your check today. It's only fifty cents.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rosen, President.