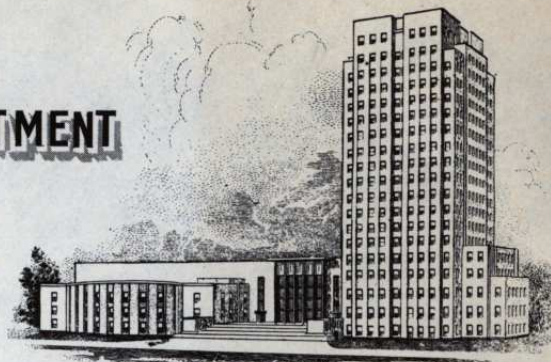


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Mr. Frederic Leopold
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Dear Sir:

I don't know whether you will remember me or not, but I believe we had some correspondence concerning Wood Ducks about two years ago. I recently had the pleasure of reading your Wood Duck nesting study paper, in the September October 1951 Condor.

I found the article very interesting, informative and surprisingly similar to the data I had recorded on the Lake Odessa area during the summer of 1950. I am sending along a brief synopsis of my Master's thesis so that you may compare the data for yourself.

Your statement concerning the vulnerability of the young ducklings during their migration from the nest to water was particularly interesting. We had avoided this period of fatality to some extent by placing the boxes over water. I wonder if you would care to comment on your lack of nest predation by squirrels and other mammalian and avian predators. Other investigators that placed their nesting boxes over land seemed to have considerable losses from these sources.

I would be very interested in hearing from you in the future on any observations that you may make concerning this magnificent bird. My present work in North Dakota gives me little opportunity to observe or even see the Wood Duck.

Respectfully,

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