

PROCEEDINGS

The 1930 Joint Meeting of the N. O. U. and I. O. U. at Omaha.

The Nebraska Ornithologists' Union and the Iowa Ornithologists' Union held a joint meeting at Omaha, Nebraska, on May 16 and 17. A similar joint meeting had been held last year on the Iowa side of the Missouri River at Sioux City. Registration of members and guests began at eight o'clock on Friday morning at the Castle Hotel, and showed a total attendance of ninety-two, nineteen being from Iowa, the remainder from Nebraska.

All sessions were held at the Castle Hotel, as has been the custom for years whenever the meeting has been in Omaha. During the three sessions of Friday the following papers were presented as the scientific program:

1. Opening remarks. By Rev. Lawrence Plank, Omaha.
2. Nebraska's "Jack Miner". By Mrs. A. H. Jones, Hastings, Nebr.
3. Bird songs in musical notation. By Mrs. Lily R. Button, Fremont, Nebr.
4. Birds seen on a summer's trip through Europe. By Mrs. Mary L. Bailey, Sioux City. (Read by Mrs. T. C. Stephens).
5. Progress and tendencies in ornithology. By Dr. W. B. Bell, United States Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.
6. Birds in poetry. By Mrs. A. J. Palas, Des Moines.
7. Waterfowl at Carter Lake, near Omaha. By Robert Overing, Omaha.
8. Where tragedy stalks in birdland. By W. M. Rosene, Ogden, Iowa.
9. A successful failure. By W. W. Bennett, Sioux City.
10. Instinct and reason in birds. By Rev. J. M. Bates, Red Cloud, Nebr.
11. Conservation of wild flowers. By Victor Overman, Omaha.
12. Natural advantages of Nebraska as a State for birds. By Dr. R. H. Wolcott, Lincoln.
13. Nebraska's bird life as found by the early naturalists. By Mrs. Addison E. Sheldon, Lincoln.
14. The Mourning Dove situation in Nebraska. By Mrs. Florence Steunenbergh, Omaha.
15. Can the Prairie Chicken be saved? By A. M. Brooking, Hastings, Nebr.
16. Proper conservation of our birds of prey. By Prof. M. H. Swenk, Lincoln.
17. Eastern Nebraska forests as bird sanctuaries. By Roy N. Towl, Omaha.

On Saturday, May 17, approximately a hundred people participated in the annual field trips. Several parties visited the different localities of ornithological interest, returning to Camp Gifford for lunch at one o'clock. A total of 106 species made up the composite list for the day.

The most interesting personal feature of the meeting was the attendance of Rev. J. M. Bates, veteran botanist and ornithologist. Mr. Bates was born on January 3, 1846, in Connecticut, and died on May 25, 1930, only a few days after his appearance on the program at Omaha, at the age of 84. His work on plant rusts and in the field of ornithology was recognized in those respective sciences.