



WHO KNOWS WHO

MEADOWLARK AND FAMILY**
(Sturnella neglecta)

of the dwellers from the plains, whose delight is in the tender shoots of the moister crops in general, announced Wu-Hunk.

do you hail from little questioned Wise Owl.

we range anywhere from Costa Rica," answered "Our breeding ground generally in the United States, usually winter south of the Valley."

you prepared to show this your good and bad habits, our economic status in relation to agriculture?"

think we are," answered meekly.

begin at the beginning come, and let us see what you say, for we like your looks."

thank you Wise Owl I'll proceed once."

Hunk made ready for taking records and then the plains began with promptness.

are about ten inches long break to the tip of our tail as you can see, and I have stated we winter throughout the United States. Wintering in the parts where warmer and food more plentiful, our plumage is an ideal camouflage for concealing us in the grass and brush, were it not for our conspicuous yellow, which attracts our turning our backs to the man and his kind for protection.

do not specialize on flying; prefer the ground, but when a predator comes near we take to the air as easily as our friend Bob.

They say our flight is similar to that of our quail neighbors, though we are capable of flying long distances. The necessity forces us to it. Take movement southward to winter. Wintering, it compels us to fly and sometimes fast in order to reach ahead of an early winter blast pursues us on our course.

the farmer says it is grand to see early some crisp October morning about sunrise and see us over on our way to some new patch. He says the plain-whistle-like whistle is a reminder that frost is near, and that person who has beer and pumpkin pie will be on the table.

every farmer's sons knows us

and every often it is done to our sorrow, for in June when our eggs are about ready to hatch the farmer comes along with the mowing machine to cut the hay. This very often means destruction to our nest and eggs. Such a tragedy could be averted if the farmer was half interested in us. All he would have to do would be to leave a small spot where our nest is located and we could take care of the other details.

"Whoever takes any notice of our winged cousins about them cannot fail to be impressed with the regulation of that department of nature's housekeeping entrusted to us. We are a class of tireless workers whose duty it is to seek food entirely from the ground. The gauzy-winged pests such as gnats, mosquitoes and midges are left for the martins and swallows to keep down. We would not undertake to feed on insects from the air, for our efforts would be in vain, just as it would be for gnats from a perch on a clod of the chimney swift to try to catch earth. But turn us loose in a stubble patch or a hay covered meadow and see how quick we can run down the fleetest of insects."

"Little boys should be ashamed of themselves to shoot such harmless friends as Meadowlark," spoke Wu-Hunk with seriousness.

"I believe you are about right," answered Wise Owl. "If the silly farmer does not make an effort to distinguish the helpful birds from those that do harm, and take a hand

in helping to save the valuable ones he is doomed as a money maker. Meadowlark is helping man wonderfully in fighting the battle against insect pests and to the one who wilfully shoots these birds, a curse ought to be cast down on his crops so they might not be fruitful.

Governor's Farm Program Central Theme of Meeting

RALEIGH, April 16.—Developing the farm program advocated by Governor O. Max Gardner and his advisory agricultural board will be the central theme of the annual State Farmer's convention to be held at State college for the week of July 22 to 26 according to plans made for the convention at a meeting held in Raleigh last week.

That the program may receive full attention, the first two days will be consumed in general matters and feature addresses during which time the convention will hear Governor Gardner as principal speaker of the week. The last two days, and

all of the sectional meetings for men, will be concerned entirely with ways and means of putting the program into actual operation. The college plans to invite the chairman of the county boards of agriculture and the county councils of farm woman to attend the convention bringing with them suggestions from their home counties and carrying back the ideas developed at the convention.

It was decided also to invite the Honorable Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture, to address the convention. Other noted speakers will be Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of State college, and W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture. Both of these are members of Governor Gardner's advisory board and will likely speak along the lines of the State program.

A feature of the convention for

the women attending will be the annual short course at which over 600 farm women were present last year. Award will be made to three or more outstanding farm women. There are being selected by the home demonstration workers at this time.

Secretary James M. Gray is now at work building the program for the annual convention. With definite plans ahead, the meeting this Summer, should be a turning point in the agricultural development of North Carolina, says the secretary.

Twenty-two contestants have entered the Polk county farm-naming and yard-beautification contest to be held this season.

Ten cars of hogs have been shipped from Beaufort county as a start in the swine work this Spring.

A farmer of the Glenville section of Macon county produced 20 tons of the Banish Ball Head cabbage on one acre last year.

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At Warrenton, North Carolina to The Corporation Commission—At the close of business on the 27th day of March, 1929.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$433,051.05
United States Bonds	67,589.14
All Other Stocks and Bonds	52,492.50
Banking House	17,402.79
Furniture and Fixtures	8,652.04
Cash in Valut and Amounts Due from Approved Depository Banks	62,962.88
Checks for Clearing and Transit Items	1,331.51
Cash Items (Items Held Over 24 Hours)	10.00
Total	\$643,491.91

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock Paid In	\$ 20,000.00
Surplus Fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits (Net Amount)	11,915.80
Reserved for Interest	5,500.00
Reserved for Depreciation	10,912.18
Demand Deposits Due Banks	102.95
Other Deposits Subject to Check	252,413.22
Deposits Due State of North Carolina and Any Official Thereof: Unsecured, \$3,184.92	3,184.92
Demand Certificates of Deposit (Due in Less Than 30 Days)	29,699.30
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	853.14
Certified Checks Outstanding	235.00
Savings Deposits (Due on or After 30 Days)	233,675.40
Bills Payable	25,000.00
Total	\$643,491.91

State of North Carolina—County of Warren, ss:

R. T. Watson, President, E. S. Allen, Director, and C. R. Rodwell, Director of the Citizens Bank, each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 3rd day of April, 1929.

MARY E. GRANT,
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