

Aldo Leopold
Madison, Wisconsin
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July 10, 1943

Mr. Wallace Grange
Babcock, Wisconsin

Dear Wallace:

I have had quite a bale of letters, but I of course attach extra value to yours, because you are able to dig two or three layers beneath the surface. It was very generous in you to write me.

I am particularly struck by your conviction that the public is eager for a different kind of leadership. The same idea had been growing in my mind.

I have been trying to keep track of your plans, but the various fragments of news do not fit together. If you are still coming down here, I wish you would bring Hazel and stay overnight with us. That would give us a chance to exchange news.

In my new capacity I am going to have to lean on you a lot for analysis of problems. This is also true because I have now started my proposed conservation ecology book, and I hope for your check on a lot of specific questions.

Thanks again for your letter.

Yours as ever,

Aldo

Aldo Leopold
1532 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
Madison, Wisconsin

Nov 18

Dear Wallace -

I didn't have a chance to tell you
that I thought your talk one of the best
at the Urbana meeting - despite the handicaps
of midnight vib.

I wish you'd let me know sometime
while you're in Madison - like to have you
come out to the house and talk out the years
we haven't talked.

Yours

Aldo

My kindest regards to Hazel

October 13, 1943

United States Navy.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known and worked with Wallace Grange since 1925. He is now a candidate for petty officer in the Sea-Bees, and the following is my appraisal of his qualifications.

He is one of the hardest working people I have ever known. No difficulties are too great for him to tackle, and no discouragements great enough to induce him to quit. In my opinion he should be considered for a much higher grade position. Grange has had an exceptionally varied experience in many forms of construction work, and with many kinds of labor and equipment. From what I know of the Sea-Bees program, this wide experience should be valuable.

He is an excellent leader, with perhaps the fault of working his men as hard as he does himself, which is very hard.

Grange habitually thinks and plans far ahead of the immediate job in hand, which seems to me another valuable qualification. He is thoroughly accustomed to pushing a job through, despite handicaps of scant material.

In all his personal relations he is particularly high-minded and scrupulous.

He keeps excellent records, and is one of the best writers in the state of Wisconsin.

I congratulate the Navy if it is able to obtain his services.

Yours truly,

Aldo Leopold

Aldo Leopold
Professor of Wildlife Management

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Aug 1

dear Wallace -

In the present circumstances, you can imagine how much I appreciate your letter. Your moral support has immense value to me. One never appreciates what moral support is worth until one gets into this kind of a pinch.

I am deeply convinced that the Commissioners simply do not know enough ecology to realize what they are doing to the deer and the range. Of course I am hurt that they wouldn't take my word for it. If you or I came from Pennsylvania, or Texas, they might listen.

When I saw that intelligent editorial in the Wisconsin Rapids paper I suspected you had had a talk with the editor - or more.

Give Wazels my love and both of you stop with us when a chance offers

Yours as ever

Aldo

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

424 University Farm Place
December 8, 1941

Mr. Wallace Grange
Babcock, Wisconsin

Dear Wallace:

I appreciate your taking the trouble to give me detailed comments on the rare species memo. May I ask you for the following additional details?

Cranes. I agree that the elimination of early season hunting is important on the fall gathering grounds, but I had the impression that most of our breeding ranges are not fall gathering grounds. Thus, Pilot Knob Marsh is both a breeding area and a gathering ground, but the Jackson County areas are only breeding areas. Am I correct in making this distinction?

Wolves and Lynx. You do not know ^{restored} how thoroughly I agree with you that it is bad to use economic arguments where only esthetic ones really hold water. I really believe, however, that wolves can be ~~used~~ in sufficient numbers to constitute a deer control. If you do not agree, I'd like to talk the question sometime. In any event, I will insert the other argument.

A partial revision is attached.

With best regards,

Aldo

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

424 University Farm Place
March 10, 1941

Mr. Wallace Grange
Babcock, Wisconsin

Dear Wallace:

It was a privilege to be among those allowed to read "How to Increase the Passenger Pigeon". I liked it very much, and I am particularly anxious to do my share of the work in executing the monument idea. I especially agree that there should be a sting in the inscription. You can count on me any time.

It is interesting to speculate on the rejection by Scribners. I think it is much the same thing as cause the literary magazines to reject without exception my literary sketches. Some kinds of writing call for mental equipment in the reader which most readers do not possess, and editors have a deathly fear of causing readers to think or exert mental effort of any kind. Literature, in short, is "interesting" when it spins new elaborations of old premises, but not when it spins new elaborations of new premises.

You had sent me the grouse mimeograph before, but I am glad to have another copy. I will be much pleased if you succeed in getting the CCC boys to do some genuine work on this. As you say, it will keep them off the TSI.

I will welcome your dropping in, both because it may give us a chance to visit, and because you may find some utility in my library collections.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Aldo

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Give Hazel my kind regards. Wish you would both come and see us.

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

424 University Farm Place
February 26, 1941

Mr. Wallace Grange
Babcock, Wisconsin

Dear Wallace:

I very much appreciate your courtesy in sending me your January 1 report. It got snowed under on my desk, but I have now read it with great interest. I was particularly interested in your good-natured argument with Fred Hamerstrom.

I would like very much to keep abreast of your plans and to contribute anything I can to the project. Probably the most concrete thing I have to offer is literature. If you want to drop in some time, I would be glad to have you comb over my collection, which is fully carded and easily accessible.

Hammy is seeing to it that you get a copy of the special collection which will be reproduced with his thesis and bound for reference.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Aldo

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September 21, 1945

424 UNIVERSITY FARM PLACE
MADISON 6, WISCONSIN

Mr. Wallace Grange
Sandhill Game Farm
Babcock, Wisconsin

Dear Wallace:

I am compiling some phenology records I've been keeping for the past decade. At first I intended to confine the record to Sauk and Dane Counties, but on second thought I want to try to include, for a few species like Prairie Chicken and Sandhill Crane, the available dates for central Wisconsin.

Attached is what I have so far. Fred Hamerstrom may have a 1939 date for chickens - his notes are temporarily loaned out.

Do you have any dates which you care to "chip in", of course with acknowledgement? If so, I'd be pleased to use them.

"First booming" means the first community booming on booming grounds, not the sporadic partial performances accompanying feeding in February.

Best regards,

Aldo

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