

FELLOWSHIPS

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Dear Mr. Reynolds;

In response to yours of the third. The following should supply you with the information you need.

Following the renewal of the fellowship the remainder of the spring term ~~was~~ spent in class work and in further study of Arkansas fishes. During this time Professor Hubbs and I prepared a paper, "The darters of the Poecilichthys variatus group, with descriptions of three new forms," dealing with the six darters of this group, resdescribing one and describing three others from the Ozarks of Missouri and Arkansas. This paper has been placed on the preferred list by the museum publications committee and is scheduled to appear during this school year.

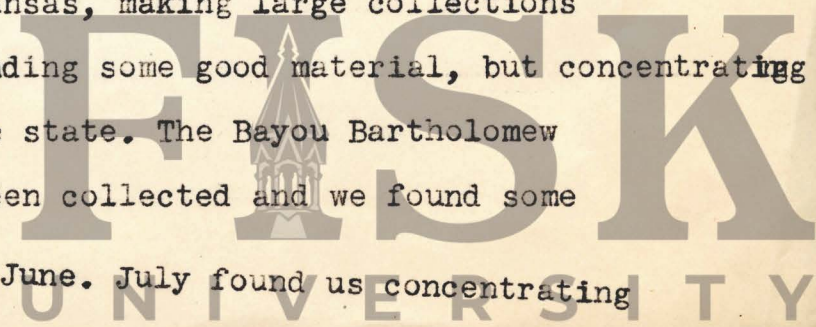
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The spring term concluded satisfactorily with my grades for this term being 10 hours of A and three of A plus.

We left June 6 for Arkansas to resume field work, and finding the rⁱvers still high from continued rains the first few days were spent in revising the paper "Additional notes on Arkansas mammals," prepared the year before with Professor S.C.Dellinger, and which was recalled from press to add some significant records. This is again in press.

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Taking up the field work at the earliest possible date we covered much of Arkansas, making large collections in the Ozarks again, and finding some good material, but concentrating on the lowland waters of the state. The Bayou Bartholomew drainage had never before been collected and we found some very fine material there in June. July found us concentrating



on the southwest corner of the state, with good results, and in August we worked the north half of the state. Here material was difficult to secure, but that we did get most interesting. On the whole we are well satisfied with the collections.

Toward the end of the summer active work on a popular "Fishes of Arkansas," was taken up with Professor S.C. Dellinger, who is to be the joint author. I prepared and left with him most of the planned introduction, the descriptions, ranges and habitat notes on about 70 or 75 of our most readily identified species. Professor Dellinger is to add the life history data and forward the manuscript here in the near future for my reworking and for the checking over by Professor Hubbs.

Pub to come It is expected the book will be published by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and will be made available to the fishermen and school children of the state--- and all others interested---at the cost of printing. It should appear in the spring.

We arrived in Ann Arbor on Sept. 24th and immediately began the long task of sorting the summer's collections. This work is now nearly finished and awaits checking by Dr. Hubbs. We have discovered some very interesting records, as we suspected, including several new for the state and section.

It now looks as though a very satisfactory thesis can be prepared from the material at hand and a tentative date has been set for my seminar report---Feb. 8, 1940. The thesis date is set at April 1, 1940, in time to complete all requirements for the degree in June. These deadlines should be easily met.

It is hoped that we can get the work finished earlier in order that I can work out, jointly with Dr. Hubbs, one or two special taxonomic papers on the Arkansas material.

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From this rather lengthy report I hope you can
extract the information you need.

Yours very truly,

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