

with the <sup>characteristic</sup> pose being with the neck stretched straight up and the bill drawn down paralleling the neck with the attempt being to adjust feathers of neck up as far as it could be reached by the bill. This <sup>accentuated and</sup> characteristic pose was apposed to the normal resting repose and seemed to <sup>sub-due</sup> size of the resting birds which were lying flat with neck and head under cover representing a flat mass of feathers. Except for those few birds standing, the mass of resting birds was a picture of sound sleep in earnest. The gradual awakening and reviving of life and their final departure was a most impressive picture and a most significant one. My original plan was to stalk these birds and then force them to fly and <sup>by taking a picture would be able</sup> to get a more accurate count as well as get a picture of realistic value of a mass of pelican leaving the shore line and <sup>silhouetted against</sup> the glowing western sunset. However a sense of appreciation of those things in nature of a natural occurrence held me back from ~~investigating~~ investigating the originate idea. This witnessing of the natural evolution of leaving their resting grounds in the evening proved more valuable and interesting than getting a material record or temporary thrill of seeing a large mass of birds ~~leave~~ leave by a forced stimulus. So, as it remained, I kept in blind until after the last bird left the area with every thing being effected in a natural normal manner. After all such a departure is the only value that will remain permanent in my mind & memory. After witnessing such a site am convinced that pictures and records of spontaneous departure of large masses of pelican is abnormal and the activity is instigated as a result of intrusion of a foreign interference, because such an act is not found in nature as far as my own experiences with pelicans can account. In fact the most impressive thing about the manner of evening departure of pelicans to their feeding grounds is lack of instantaneous reaction but one of gradual and progressive evacuation of their resting grounds. In fact it required 38 minutes for this flock of birds to leave with birds in air practically the entire time, at least this was the time required from the time when the first bird left to the time the last bird left. The last 14 minutes of this time found birds rising continually in an never ending procession. The fact remains that they did not leave as if prompted by one immediate impulse. The recording of events are as follow. Observations started 6:29 P.M. feeding the birds gradually rising from their resting position, about 18 birds standing in 3,000. at 6:31 P.M. 2 groups of 2 and 3 birds sailed in from the north and lit among birds at north end of mass. One of them lit on extreme north end at edge of mass.