

Enroute along turnpike from Lawrence to Kansas City noted 14 redtail hawks, consisting of 2 pairs and 10 singles. Six of these singles were associated with nests. Observations show that the turnpike offers protection to these hawks as guns cannot be used along this route. Observations between 1:30 and 2:30 P.M. The Kaw River at Lawrence from turnpike bridge and dam below is in solid ice but water in pools on top of ice. These isolated pools cover 90 per cent of the surface of the ice.

Lawrence, Douglas Co., Kansas
Feb. 7, 1966

This is the first morning in which birds were reacting to the change of temperature, being the first day that temperatures were high enough to start ice melting on Potters Lake and the first day that skating has been stopped in the last month or so. At 7:00 A.M. Cardinals were singing, starlings were calling and sparrow "talking". Cardinals have been in song before this date but not as emphatic as this morning.

Feb. 8, 1966

Cardinals singing again this morning just after daybreak. Potters Lake on the Univ. of Kansas Campus is now starting to loose its ice with melting starting at edge. About 3 feet of open water now surrounds the ice mass which has not moved by wind action. Approx 10 lobes (8 feet in diameter) had formed on the melting ice. This evening rain to at least 10:00 P.M. Temp 56°F.

Potters Lake, Univ Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

Feb. 11, 1966

Potters Lake still with solid ice and about same as after original thaw of Feb. 7. Approx. 8 feet open water around edge and no movement of ice. Surface of slush ice saturated and reflecting a blue similar to water. Where snow had been piled during skating, is now in standing water on top of ice.

Wakarusa Valley (proposed Clinton Reservoir area), Douglas Co., Kansas

Feb. 12, 1966

Mary Pauline + I made census of mammals in the Clinton area.