

Lone Star Lake, Douglas Co., Kansas,

Sept. 30, 1980

Checked condition of lake which is drained for work on outlet valve. All lake dry except small pond of an acre or so S of outlet on dam and some drainage water from bay where residential homes are located (SW). Pond filled with dead fish, mud surround wet areas. Birds in water and along drainage are: 2 black-bellied plover, 6 sandpiper, 2 killdeer, 4 turkey vultures in air. Continued clockwise around lake. at Lock Creek bridge on Perry Reservoir, no birds. On Wakarusa bridge on some highway (N of bridge in flooded bay, approx 2000 Franklin gulls, 12 Canadian geese, 60 ring-billed gulls, 6 great blue heron, 1 common egret, 2 cormorants, 1 pelican, 1 barn swallow, 12 coot, 8 bluewing teal. The water from lake is at lake level at bridge and beyond and fields to NW of bridge are inundated. Considerable number of trees along river still standing.

Kaw River, Nature Trail, N side river, Lawrence, Kansas

Oct. 4, 1980

At midpoint of trail set up exhibit of birds, mammals, insects, herps, geology, history, and literature of area for approx 200 girl scouts of Douglas Co., Council. Talked to troops every 20 minutes between 9:00 A.M and 2:00 P.M. Each individual scout was encouraged to develop interest and plans for developing and operating a nature museum showing natural items to be found on trail. As the girl scouts would run the museum on a daily basis throughout the year, one girl per day, it would be necessary to have the museum near developed places where security of girls could be guaranteed. A log cabin in back of City Hall or a room on top floor of City Hall overlooking the Kaw would be an ideal location. Hikers on both N & S nature trails could avail themselves of this service. It would also promote interest in the city's facilities. The area below the dam could be made into a refuge for wild life that could be view by telescopes from the museum. By artificial feed one could attract muskrat, raccoon, opossums, red fox, beaver, muskrat, geese, ducks, gulls, cranes, and even bald eagles in winter. While at station observed 4 killdeer, 1 bluejay, 2 yellow-shafted flickers, 1 black-capped chickadee. Recognized by a girl scout tie pin by council.