Northeastern Museums

Small Circular Mounds of Cherokee County

We are justly proud of our two museums—the Biological and Historical. No other teachers' college in the state can boast of so complete a collection of native birds and animals mounted in life like effigies. Foreign birds and animals are interesting, but to be of the greatest service to a college like ours local material affords much interest. All the mounted material is the work of Professor C. W. Pieler, head of the Biological department. All specimens were collected in Oklahoma. Most of all the owls, hawks and woodpeckers native to our state are in this collection.

The collection of eggs of North American birds has no equal in the state outside the University. In this collection, consisting of more than five hundred species, numbering several thousand eggs, some very rare ones. Mention of a few of these might be of some interest. A set of two eggs of the Passenger Pigeon or Wild Pigeon is to be seen. This bird one time was so plentiful that its great swarms of countless thousands darkened the sun. Now not a single living specimen is to be found. Also two sets of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, the prince of woodpeckers and the rarest of its tribe are in the collection. Two beautiful eggs of the rare Swallow-tailed Kite and five eggs of the White-tailed kite may be seen. Eggs of twenty-one of our hawks, including the Golden and Bald-headed eagles, thirteen of our owls, and fourteen sets of woodpeckers are in the collection. Besides most of the common birds, eggs of many of the rarer warblers, wrens, plovers, sparrows, fly catchers and jays are found here.

In addition to the above many birds are represented in large series of sets which show the wonderful array of colors, markings and sizes found in some eggs. One can not appreciate the great beauty of some eggs or believe that there are such great varieties among eggs (Continued on Last Page.)