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OPENING REMARKS

Dr. William B.
Jackson Conference
Chairman

In the two years elapsed since our last gathering here all too few changes have occurred. We're still talking about the same materials and techniques. The make-shift equipment is a bit less abundant, though. Some of the toxicants are a bit further from the laboratory and have been evaluated under a variety of field conditions; some even are under experimental labels or handled by franchised dealers.

Perhaps the largest change has been in public and political awareness. At least in Ohio, farmers are taking an active role, and state and federal legislators and administrators are now more fully aware that bird problems can be serious problems.

At this conference we have a wider basis of representation—both geographically and in terms of organizations and agencies. I think this also points to the more general recognition of birds as a legitimate and necessary target for management.

We have often said that bird "control" is not really the term we ought to be using. Really, we are concerned with the broad range of management: the necessary accumulation of basic ecological and behavioral information, the manipulation of the environment, the employment of scaring and repellent devices, the use of non-lethal chemicals, and finally the use of toxicants. Because of the shortage of knowledge and understanding and the acuteness of our problems—often involving the health, economic well-being, or even the life of our citizens—toxicants have often been our primary weapon.

That many weapons are available to us is one of the reasons for inviting you to this conference. That we may pool resources from many men and many geographical areas is the reason for these many discussions and the Proceedings, which will be the formal record of the conference.

Some of the speakers have prepared formal papers; others will talk from notes or memory. All principal speakers will be given an opportunity to review and edit their portion of the conference record as transcribed from the magnetic tape. We will do as little as possible in preparing the Proceedings to alter the individual flavor of the presentations. We recognize that oral English often has a way of wandering in phrases and sequences which, when presented to the eye, are incoherent. Thus the primary activity of the editors will be to eliminate unnecessary verbiage, organize recognizable sentences, and leave the best jokes in