# Cranbrook's Bird Man Retires; Exhibits Stay

and bug man.

He has in addition been a newspaper carrier, worked on dam construction, in a steel mill, an ammunition plant, has been a cook and lumberjack, an organized camp worker and a cave explorer.

h The man is Dr. Walter P. Nickell, who is retiring Sept. 30 after 33 years as the na-turalist at Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills.

THIS MAN, who appears gruff and bruck yet has a heart as big as the outdoors he loves, is no name dropper. But he lists three men as mentors who wielded a long and lasting influence on his life-the late eminent biologist and naturalist Dr. JL. Kessler, the late Dr. George Washington Carver, and the late Dr. Charles A. Eastman (Chief Ohlyesa), one of the three founders of the Boy Scouts of America.

Born in Kentucky, Dr. Nickell early began to develop his in-

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to imitate bird calls.
If was on an educational field trip to Tuskegee Institute that he first met Dr. Carver, and "we saw eye to eye rightaway."
If would sneak away from the others and spend every possible minute with him," Dr. Nickell recalls. "Later I spent wo spring vacations there. I remember they had a rule that no whites were permitted in the dining hall. But we both were rebels, and I ate there all the time."
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It was in 1930 that he met Dr. Eastman, a half-blooded Sloux whose grandfather was white. He recalls Dr. Eastman detailing the Battle of the Lit-

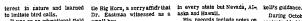
### Nature Lectures For Kids

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority naturalists are available this winter season for lectures to school assemblies in the Observerland area dur-ing each school day from Fri-day, Nov. 1, through Tuesday, March 25, 1969.

May 1, ov. 1, through these of March 25, 1950 March 28, 1950 Mestington Naturalists from Mestington Parks will visit the schools for only one-half day, but will provide up to three lectures during a visit accompanied by sides or films. The filtustrated lectures concern various wildlife which inhabit the woods, fields and water areas in south-astern Michigan and are available by advance appointment only.

Two 30-minute programs are designed for youngsters from kindergarten through the second grade, while the other four, 45-

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small boy.

DR, NICKELL began banding birds in 1932 and has continued for 37 successive years, reaching a total of over 160,000. At first, he said, about 100 birds would be banded a year, but as techniques improved, be hit his peak in 1944 with 19,000. That was also the year that Central Michigan University gave him an honorary doctor of laws degree.

For years he made regular treks to northwest Canada and Brittish Columbia. Then there were six expeditions to Mexico and British flooduras, and four to the Lower Delta of the Mississippi. He has banded birds

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CURRENTLY ON display in the Cranbrook Institute of Science is an original exhibit, "Migration of Birds," done by Institute preparators under Dr. Nic-

#### Represent Musicale

During October he will dem-onstrate his bird banding tech-niques Mondays through Fri-days at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. and on Sundays at 4 p.m. In November Dr. Nickell and his wife, Billie, will move to their two-acre retirement res-

idence near Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Six members of the Farmington Musicale are attending the annual meeting of the South Federation of Music Clubs being held today (Oct. 9) in the Oakland Hills Country Club. Members are Mrs. George Manuel.

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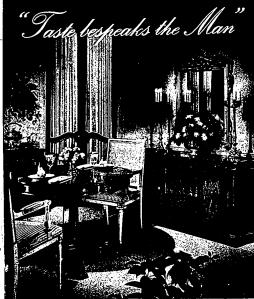


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