

A Mourning Chat

Cardinal: Good morning, Mr. Downy Woodpecker.

Downy Woodpecker: Good morning, Mr. Cardinal.

Cardinal: You look very happy and contented this fine morning.

Downy Woodpecker: Indeed, I am. Why should I not be? Every one here is very kind to me. I show my appreciation by being happy and cheerful.

Cardinal: Do you spend your winters here?

Downy: Yes, indeed. I have been here for several winters. Such a foolish question; if you do not spend your winters here, where do you spend them?

Cardinal: I was born last June—I have not spent a winter yet. The mornings and evenings are getting chilly and food is scarce, I guess I had better begin to think about a place to room and board.

Downy: I should say you had.

Cardinal: Being an old settler, perhaps you could give me a few good tips regarding lodging places. I would greatly appreciate it.

Downy: I am glad you said "tips" instead of advice. I am old and wise enough to know that birds do not care about taking advice, they just want some one to agree with them.

Cardinal: You see I did not know that I am glad, too, that I said "tips."

Downy: Getting right down to brass tacks regarding this food problem that is the eternal question with us, where and what shall we eat? The question is a simple one during the warm months. We can get along without any help and we are glad to forage for ourselves. But winter, wowie, when I think of how I suffered with hunger and cold before I found this place, it makes me shivery on the inside. "Sufficient unto the day" is the food thereof. I have nothing to worry about now. I am here and here to stay. That's that!

Cardinal: You seem very enthusiastic.

Woodpecker: Seem, seem, did you say? I AM enthusiastic. If you decide to stay here long, you, too, will be just as enthusiastic. Here in Highland Park, this is Highland Park, of course, you know that.

Cardinal: I'm sorry, I didn't know it. Thanks for informing me.

Woodpecker: Well, it is, and a very desirable place, too. Not only in the winter but summer, as well. The people here are bird-minded; they are generous, thoughtful and kind. They have made a study of our likes and dislikes and they give us a well balanced diet and plenty of it. The school children know and love us. I heard some of them saying, the other day, that they would have to know more about birds before they could graduate. Did you ever hear of anything like that?

Cardinal: No, I never did, that's great!

Woodpecker: I'll say it is, education for others, is a fine thing for us.

Cardinal: I am much interested in food right now, tell me more about it.

Woodpecker: How would you like to take a little trip around the city and peep into some of the yards? I can show you quicker than I can tell you.

Cardinal: That would be the thing to do.

Woodpecker: All right. We're off. I'll take you to a few places near

here and show you how the good people look after their winter bird guests. We will take a "close up" of two or three yards and what you see will give you a general idea of how it is done. Notice how many evergreens there are here, all planted for our shelter and protection. Unless you have really suffered from the cold yourself you can hardly appreciate what evergreens mean to bird life in winter. Evergreens are here in abundance. That, any one can see. There are many berry-bearing shrubs, nearly every yard has them. The fruit of these shrubs are attractive to many birds. Let us stop here for a moment and look at the feeding stations in this spacious yard.

Cardinal: Boy, this is a grand place, so many fine trees. My ancestors loved trees.

Woodpecker: Look at the suet balls tied to the limb of this old tree. Notice, if you please, the holes in this one. Every hole serves as a shelter for some bird. Chickadees, nuthatches and woodpeckers welcome cozy, little places like this. A man came the other day to cut this tree down but the dear old lady of the house said, "Nothing doing, that is the home of some of my bird friends." The tree still stands! I heard the bird tenants say, "We will pick bugs out of her garden, like everything, next summer." They will you may be assured of that. Good team work, I'll say.

Cardinal: Shelter, shelter. I am glad that you spoke about that. Do you know of any cozy apartments, for rent, in this neighborhood?

Woodpecker: I'd advise you to put an ad in the local paper—winter is just around the corner, and you are late. One thing is in your favor: Cardinals are very desirable tenants, and you have no children—you may be able to find a fashionable location.

Cardinal: Thanks, I'll do it, right away.

Woodpecker: English sparrows are a nuisance, did you know that? Well, they are and these suet balls, tin cans and cocoanut shells filled with food and suspended from the trees, posts, etc., are devices planned to keep them from eating up all the food and driving the desirable birds away.

Cardinal: Such feeding devices do not appeal to me at all.

Woodpecker: Of course they don't out they contain food for many birds who delight to feed from such a lunch counter. The chickadees, nuthatches and woodpeckers, I am speaking for myself, too, we think it great fun to feed while hanging and swinging in the air. The sparrows look on with an envious eye but they can't bother us. The food consists of suet, fat pork, hempseed, millet, cracked corn, bread crumbs, nuts of all kinds and sunflower seed. On this side of that tree, you can see a wire basket filled with suet and nuts. A little boy put that up and keeps it supplied with food so that his grandmother, who is confined to the house, can watch us. We have given her a lot of entertainment and joy.

Cardinal: I am certainly glad that I met you this morning. You have given me an entirely new outlook on life.

Woodpecker: Over here in this yard is another feeding station. This is a weather-cock food house. It moves with the wind and we can always feed on the sheltered side. A dear, little, old lady takes care of this one. How she loves the birds, especially the cardinals. In the spring they sing their sweetest for

her. I know that you shall want to do your part, too.

Cardinal: I certainly shall. I almost feel like singing right now, shall I try a few notes?

Woodpecker: Gracious no, birds are not singing now. You would not want to be so out of fashion!

Cardinal: I'll keep quiet but there is a great urge to try. How shall I express my feeling of joy, if I can't whistle a tune?

Woodpecker: You are all rosy-red just like the sun rise. All you have to do is shine.

Cardinal: That's easy! I'll begin right now. I like this feeding station much better than any of the others. I do not think I would care to stand on my head or hang upside down while eating my meals, even though it is the fashion in Highland Park! I was taught to keep my right side up.

Woodpecker: I can see by your feet that you would not care for the other restaurants. Now I want to take you over and show you where I nest in summer and room and board in winter. This way please. Here we are. Just sit down on this limb for a moment and I'll tell you about this place. You can see it is not as large or conspicuous but they are real bird lovers here.

Cardinal: How cozy and friendly it looks. The lunch counters are right up close to the windows. How warm and snug it looks inside.

Woodpecker: You can feel perfectly at home in this sanctuary. No cats or dogs. I heard the landlord say, just yesterday, that he did not own this place any more, as he had turned it over to the birds. "They carry the tax receipts," he said. The landlady is a bird lover too. Let me whisper a secret in your ear—come closer—she calls me her sweetheart and says to me "help yourself, sweetie, to anything you like best. I will put more food out for you, never fear." To one who has gone hungry, that is a very comforting assurance. She loves this little red feather in my cap; I almost laughed right out loud, when I saw her leaving the house this morning. I don't care a bit if she copied. I am glad that I could give her a new idea for her cap.

Cardinal: If she loves you because of the red feather in your cap, what will she think when she sees me all red and shiny? I like this place. I wish I could whistle just once—shall I?

Downy Woodpecker: You can suit yourself—but the others are not doing it! You will find here all the

devices that I have shown you for feeding winter birds and many original ones. I want you to notice this one,—you will find anything here that your heart desires. Their slogan is "ask and you shall receive" so if you do not find your favorite vitamins in this cafe—just ask for it. "What are we going to serve our bird guests Thanksgiving Day,"

the landlady asked the landlady. "Let them put in their orders," she said.

Cardinal: I am ever so grateful to you. I'll not go a step farther. Yum, yum, look at the food on that table. Do I see peanuts? Where do I register?

—Ellie K. Warner

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In their first game of the season the Highwood Boosters basketball team were victorious over the Highland American Legion by a score of 29 to 12 in a hard fought game last week.

The first quarter was very exciting and thrilling, neither team being able to outscore the other. However during the second quarter the Legionnaires began to show signs of weakening, and although they attempted to retain their curb level they were unable to curb the Boosters from scoring and winning. Cooney and Scabby did most of the scoring for the Boosters while Maestri did a very good job of floorman and guard.

Four new men were seen in Booster uniforms—Baruffin, Enzo, Ori, and Notagiacomio. The four were ex-Legionnaires who have now playing for the Boosters.

The Boosters came on the floor in beautiful red sweat shirts and sweat pants. These were donated by Domenic Sheroni, hardware owner on Railway Avenue in Highland Park, given by Mr. Sheroni because of his interest in sports and to help them out.

The Highwood Pirate Girls defeated the Highland Park Wild in a thrilling opener. The Wild cats showed keen competition, winning the first quarter, but the Pirates, an experienced, as well as undefeated team in the 1932-33 season, led them a decided edge. The best former for the winners was J. Baldini, while Francis H. starred for the losers.

Tonight, Thursday, Dec. 21, Highwood Boosters will play strong Jacksonville deaf and dumb stars. The game will be held at Oak Terrace School, the first game beginning at 7 p.m.

Community Center's Holiday Recreation Program Announced

Again as during the holidays year Community Service, Inc., is inviting all boys and girls of the community to come over to the Community Center located at 582 La Avenue, for recreational activities.

There has been planned a program of athletic games and of recreational activities for boys and girls of Highland Park. As usual basketball will be the featured activity.

In order that all ages have definite time in which to play, a schedule has been arranged as follows:

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