

# Deep and Shallows

## A Plea For Birds

Now that winter is over, we can soon expect the return of our feathered songsters from the southland. Some of them make long and hazardous journeys from as far as South America. But by some miracle they arrive in fine condition to start their little families. Those first jubilant songs you hear will be those of the father bird serenading his nesting mate.

And those first nestlings. They are the finest and most vigorous of their kind. Yet, helpless and tiny as they are, their very first acts are a benefit to mankind, for they feed upon destructive insects, which are in this way disposed of before they can breed and do much damage to trees and crops. It has been found that a fledgling will daily devour double its weight in insect life. Working a 15-hour shift, a pair of wrens will make over 1200 trips a day to bring bugs to their babies. Yes, birds, those charming bits of gladness, with their pert, cunning ways, are far more useful to their human friends than many realize. The increase of these blithe songsters would mean the saving of hundreds of millions of dollars in better crops, gardens and orchards by destroying the pests which prey upon plant life.

The outstretched wings of a bird will protect her babies through rain, heat, cold and even fire. A mother bird will even attempt to do battle, against impossible odds, to protect her young, striking out with her wings. A robin has been known to sit for 90 hours continuously on her nest. The wings of a bird are frequently used as a symbol of God's tender love and protection for His children. "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust."

But birds, too, have their enemies. One cat will easily kill 20 birds in one day, and it has been ascertained that a cat will kill untiringly for amusement even when well fed.

The most frequent victims are the fluffy, helpless babies just out of the nest. We are all familiar with the frantic, heart-breaking death shriek of a bird just before the kill. Few realize the unerring, lightning rapidity with which a cat can strike, jumping over 12 feet . . . stealthily stalking its prey in their very homes. Ninety per cent of our spring birds are killed by cats.

We all know that a cat kills by instinct. That puts the responsibility for its actions squarely on its human friends. The cat should be prevented from its depredations, just as an irresponsible human being must be suppressed from doing harm.

Ninety out of every hundred cats are vagrant. Cat owners usu-

ally keep their pets inside, especially in the dim light of dawn, when most of this slaughter takes place. If you are a cat lover why not give vagrant cats a shelter where they can't get birds, especially during the spring breeding season, or find someone who will? Most cats will follow you into the house for catnip, and there are several institutions near by where stray animals are afforded a haven, or at least humanely disposed of.

We believe that the vagrancy of cats, with their annual massacre of song and insectivorous birds, is unjustifiable.

## Do Tell!

The reason that breakfast foods are called cereals is that we get a fresh installment every day.

Ponderous

## "Now, Tell Me, Mr. Jones"

Quiz shows inflate the humble male  
Inured to abnegation.  
At home, he is the audience  
Without participation.

Marmalade

## W-Day

The day dawned kind and clear,  
and I awoke  
Aware at once that something big  
and fine  
Was scheduled to occur—all right,  
but what?  
I sat up straight and rubbed this  
head of mine.

Then suddenly it struck me—this  
was it!  
The day I'd say goodbye to single  
life,

The day the wary bachelor had  
shunned—  
The day I'd trade my freedom for  
a wife.

My feet touched floor, all right,  
then all at once  
A cloud of rosy fog enveloped  
me;

My brain went on a sort of sit-  
down strike . . .  
The rest is just a misty symphony,

A symphony of organ-tones and  
flowers,  
Of friendly-faces raised to wish  
me well,  
A nudge that prompted me to say,  
"I do";

'Twas all a dream—but brother,  
it was swell!

And then two steady eyes looked  
into mine—  
The fog was sweetly lifted; some-  
thing clicked . . .  
No more a lonely bachelor was I—  
I was a benedict!

R.B.O.

## Showing Of Chapeaux At Welfare Meeting

Anatole of Paris will have to look to his laurels on Monday, March 22 when the Juniors of Highland Park — Ravinia center of Infant Welfare bring their last year's chapeaux to the home of Mrs. Ted J. Connelly 913 Lincoln Ave. for their monthly meeting. Every members has been asked to bring as many hats as possible to be donated to the Thrift Shop for their annual hat sale but each must bring one hat that has been trimmed in a manner of her own creation. The grand prize for the most original idea will be a beautiful spring bonnet which has been graciously donated by Miss Mabel Ernst from her stock of exclusive creations. Mrs. John Kies chairman of Thrift Shop and her co-chairman Mrs. F. D. Dicus have appointed a committee of three to select the winner. They are: Mrs. J. P. Embich, Mrs. Theodore Hazen, and Mrs. James Kelly.

Hostesses for the morning will be Mrs. L. D. Smith and Mrs. Brewster Towne and for the afternoon Mrs. Rex Andrews and Mrs. Pierre Martineau.

## Dessert Bridge: Latest Spring Fashions At Lincoln School

The latest trends in spring fashions will be presented by our leading stores at the Lincoln school auditorium on Wednesday, March 31, at 1:30 p.m., when the Lincoln school P.T.A. will present its annual spring card party.

Mothers and daughters of Lincoln school will model gowns from Peggy Gordon, Lucille Hilborn, Jack and Jill, Garnetts and Fell Brothers; newest modes in cha-

peaux by Miss Ernst and Mrs. Gordon; luxurious furs, stoles and capes by Victor's.

The expressive and nimble fingers of Florence MacArthur Edwards of the Florence shop will drape one of her famous creations on a model. Mrs. Edwards is a pupil of the admired and well-known Monsieur Worth of Paris, France.

The raffle, consisting of numerous and lovely accessory items, will lend additional pleasure to those in attendance.

Mrs. Laurence Herman is chairman of the affair. Serving on her committee are Mrs. Robert Burton, Mrs. Hugh Seyforth, Mrs. David Wanger, Mrs. John Adair, Mrs. Martin Victor and Mrs. Milton Klein.

## Purim Carnival Party Sunday At Winnetka

Children of the North Suburban Synagogue Beth El will hold a Purim Carnival party on Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. in the Winnetka Masonic Temple, 708 Elm street, Winnetka. A Purim play, games, toys, prizes and refreshments will be the order of the day.

## Mrs. Earle Blair To Head Emblem Club

Mrs. Earle Blair was elected president of Highland Park Emblem club at the annual business meeting held March 10 in the Elks hall. She is the retiring vice president and previously served as the club's historian and press correspondent.

Also elected were: Mrs. Norman Hansen, vice president; Mrs. Irving Garling, financial secretary; Mrs. Leonard Steffen, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Russell, recording secretary; Mrs. Edward Welch, corresponding secretary; Mrs. William Dorick, trustee; Mrs. Thomas Strenger, first assistant marshal; Mrs. James Berube, second assistant marshal; Mrs. Joseph Bernardi, historian and press correspondent; Mrs. George Bock, first guard; Mrs. Otto Cortesi, second guard; Mrs. Henry Stenson, organist.

Officers appointed by Mrs. Blair include Mrs. Earl McGrath, who will serve as marshal, and Mrs. Arthur Bess, as chaplain.

Serving with the above officers during the new fiscal year will be Mrs. Raymond Sheehan, retiring president who will occupy the past president's chair, and Mrs. Burton Berube and Mrs. Edward Dostalek, trustees whose terms carry over.

The new officers will be installed at an open meeting on April 14 at 8 p.m. in Elks hall. Mrs. Dewey Anderson, district deputy for the State of Illinois and past president of Waukegan Emblem club, will be the installing officer.

The business meeting also included annual reports by all officers and committee chairmen. Mrs. Arthur Bess, membership chairman reported that 32 new members had been initiated during the past year and that an additional 14 had been accepted and will be inducted after the installation meeting.

## Senior Welfare Group

The Senior Group of the Highland Park Center of Infant Welfare will hold its March meeting on Monday, March 22nd at the home of Mrs. Paul Phelps, 363 Orchard Lane. Mrs. Richard Allenby, Mrs. Edmund Andrews, Mrs. Page Conley and Mrs. L. J. Stirling will assist Mrs. Phelps as hostesses for the day. Mrs. Henry C. Howe will be in charge of the luncheon committee. The Northwestern University Settlement, Infant Welfare and other charities.

For 17 years Thrift Shop has been located at 35 N. Sheridan Road. Any articles which are serviceable but which you no longer need may be delivered there. A truck will gladly be sent to your home to pick up large articles. If you wish to avail yourself of this service, call H. P. 544.

## Virginia Knox To Star In College Role

OXFORD, OHIO—With Virginia Knox, 2296 Lakeside pl., Highland Park, in one of the lead roles, the Children's Theatre Division at Western College for Women will present the play, "The Ghost of Mr. Penny" on campus on March 22 and 23.

After the performances on the Western Campus, the show will "go on the road" with a performance on April 17 at the high school in Hamilton, Ohio.

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## D.A.R. Officers To Attend Conference In Peoria

The Illinois Chapters of the Children of the American Revolution are to have an active part in attending the Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to be held in Peoria, March 18th and 19th. Many of the Senior and Junior presidents are planning to honor their National Senior President, Mrs. Donald Bennett Adams of Rochelle, N. Y., who is to be guest of honor, by attending. They are to have a Dutch Treat luncheon the opening day for all C.A.R. officers, Senior Presidents, State Promoters and regent of D.A.R. chapters, who are sponsoring C.A.R. chapters.

The Senior President for Illinois is Mrs. J. Clinton Searle of Rock Island, and the Junior State President is Miss Jean Ann Thomas of Waukegan, both of whom will attend. Another National officer to attend will be Mrs. Charles Pflager of the Fourth Division, who is National Vice-President from Illinois, C.A.R. Many of the presidents from Illinois' twenty-five chapters will be there, too.

## Carr Auxiliary Plans Rummage Sale April First

Mrs. Edwin P. Hart, Secretary of the Helen Taylor Carr Auxiliary to the Chicago Commons has just sent out cards to the entire membership to remind the members to save rummage for the coming Rummage Sale, April first, at the "Y" on Laurel Ave., starting at nine o'clock. Every active member of the group will be helping at this Sale which usually makes more than one hundred dollars for sending boys and girls to the sum-

mer Camp in Michigan maintained by the Commons Settlement. This is often the only opportunity these youngsters have to romp in the fields, roam the countryside and eat fresh vegetables, as they live in a part of Chicago where there is no grass, nor any place for play, and where the houses are crowded into too small an area.

Heading the Rummage Sale Committee is Mrs. Dudley Hall, President of the Auxiliary, whose home at 624 S. St. Johns Avenue, will be available for rummage until the day previous to the sale. Any interested member of the community who wishes to help in this worthy cause is welcome to leave rummage with Mrs. Hall until March 31st, when it should be taken directly to the "Y", where Mrs. Frank Venning and her Committee will mark the prices of the articles to be sold the next morning. Shortly, posters will be distributed in the local area by Mrs. Guy Finlay and Mrs. William Savin, designer of them, in order to insure a large number of customers on the day of the sale.

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