

Deep and Shallows

A Reply

To Bird Lover.

I surely was pleased to get your suggestion about the chicken wire protection for the small birds from the DOVE. While I lived in Highland Park and could have feeding trays on the ground, we always protected our small birds from pigeons with the wire you mentioned.

BUT—the situation out here in the hills of Hollywood is entirely different. Our house is built into the side of a hill. The kitchen faces the hills and that is where the birds are, therefore I choose one of the kitchen windows for my tray. It is 12 x 13 1/2 inches, and I have seen as many as seven birds feeding at the same time.

Of course I was joked about my thinking for a minute the birds would patronize my tray. But it didn't take but a day before the whole family and guests were poking their noses out to see what the birds were doing.

I do want to tell about a little sparrow. She is the only sparrow we have seen and is very fussy. For a while she would make visits all day long, taking away the largest pieces she could find. Then one day saw her on the wires with two young cow birds, twice her size. She was feeding them. A few days later she got them to come to the tray, and she had quite a time, they were so much larger than she was. Cow birds do not build nests; they lay their eggs in the nests of other birds. This poor little sparrow had a trick played on her.

One pair of orioles had a family of three and they were busy feeding their babies. All of a sudden they stopped and wouldn't feed them any more. Pa and Ma kept right on eating, paying no attention to their children. The three young birds continually quarreled, each trying to take the food away from the other. Took them quite a time to eat their own food.

Although there are many mocking birds around, none come to the tray. Red-winged black

birds, blue jays, thrashers, and several other kinds come to the tray daily. The blue jay is the only one who flies away quickly if we look thru the window.

Two doves come about three times a week. Neither ever goes on the tray if there is a bird there. Nor will the birds come to the tray if the doves are feeding. These doves are the most beautiful birds I have ever seen. They are very tame. We can even open the window while they are feeding, and it doesn't disturb them. I enjoy my bird feeding tray. Thank you for your suggestion.

—A. C. O.

Stripe—Tease

Said Zylpha Zebra to her mate, "With Fashion's daddle-diddle, No chance of being up-to-date Since waist-lines change without abate

And mine are twenty. What a fate! I've never found my middle."

Replied Zed Zebra, "You should gripe!

This question drives me daffy—

Of course good style's a lot of tripe

But where's my neck? O, where? Which stripe?

High collars choke my breathing pipe.

If low, I look giraffey."

—Marmalade

Lover Boy

Wings and tail divinely blue, Has Lover Boy, of Brookfield Zoo.

His plumage renders double duty - It has to, when it comes to beauty, For this rare Bird of Paradise Has a voice which isn't nice. His keeper, doubling as Fate, Has moved to find the bird a mate—

Another Paradieser, who Makes her home within the zoo. He'll either wed this lady, or He'll end his days a bachelor.

—R. B. O.

Moonlight Lake Excursion

Many organizations are utilizing the SS City of Grand Rapids, the huge lake steamer out of Chicago for delightful excursions this summer. The "Grand Rapids" makes the round trip to Michigan City, Ind., and back daily from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and then goes out on an entrancing moonlight cruise along the Chicago shoreline each evening from 8:30 to 11:30.

The Chicago Models Club at 232 E. Erie Street is again utilizing the big steamer to stage its annual "Queen of Lake Michigan" bathing beauty contest on a moonlight cruise Monday night, July 24.

This contest is open to all girls and entries are being accepted by the Models Club at its Erie Street address. A number of attractive prizes are in store for the girl to be selected as queen. Incidentally, the cruise is open to the public.

The Lions Club will stage a series of six excursions on the steamer this summer and many other groups and clubs have chartered dates. The SS City of Grand Rapids maintains an office at the Michigan Ave. Bridge dock and also at the T. J. McGuire Travel Co. at 333 N. Michigan Ave.

The trip to Michigan City is proving a most pleasant one for Chicago—its half price for children under 12 and free for those under six accompanied by an adult—has placed the excursion within range of all. The SS City of Grand Rapids arrives in Michigan City's famous Washington Park at 1:30 and permits a two and one-half hour visit to such interesting places as the celebrated International Friendship Gardens, the Michigan City Zoo and Monkey Island right in Washington Park or to the nearby beautiful white-sanded beaches.

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Chinese Heritage

Out of the Chinese wilderness, out of the old gardens of the Orient, out of the mountains of China, there came blossoms more than a hundred years ago which never had been seen before in England or in America. It was Robert Fortune who in 1843 went out from England to enter the four dangerous treaty ports of China, the only places in that land where foreigners were permitted to set foot, and went about to collect new plants. He soon needed to go far beyond the stipulated boundaries, so he assumed various disguises and with trustworthy native servants to help him with the language, he explored miles of China which no white man had ever seen before, and he came back with new flowers. With many difficulties menacing both his personal safety and that of his precious plants, Robert Fortune brought back with him some of the choicest blossoms of the world, blossoms which today are prominent in and inseparable from the gardens of Europe and America.

In that memorable year of 1843, when Robert Fortune got safely out of China and sailed to England, he managed to transport on that long sea voyage some new peaches, new roses, strange new chrysanthemums, and that rare new climbing plant, the clematis. Later he brought the weigela, the gardenia, Japanese anemones, and camellias, trailing forsythia, and the little Chusan daisy which was destined to become the parent of the present day pompon chrysanthemum with its innumerable hybrids.

Clematis... a woody vine which grows from a deep root. Clematis... a mass of tiny white fragrant flowers clambering over a garden trellis, or on a stone wall or over an embankment along the Appalachian Trail... Clematis... a purple and green bell-shaped flower growing in an Illinois bottomland. Clematis... a broad, moon-shaped flower with four bright purple petals, or eight white petals, or eight lavender,

Scout Exec. Schwechel Reports On Jamboree At Valley Forge

Scout Executive E. A. Schwechel of the North Shore Area Council returned last week from Valley Forge, Pennsylvania where he attended the second National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America. 47,000 boys and men participated in this huge encampment coming from every state in the Union, Alaska, Hawaii, Philippines, Guam, as well as from 17 foreign countries. Among them were 71 Scouts and Leaders from the North Shore Area, 8 from Highland Park: Geoffrey Ceperly, John Carswell, Troop 30, Robert Marsney and John Sheridan Troop 36, Sheldon Baskin, Troop 31, David Maxon, Kenneth Pierce and Scott Vaile, Troop 324 and Sherman Carson of Troop 51, Deerfield.

City of 47,000

Boys And Men

Mr. Schwechel served as Director of Camp Transportation on the General Headquarters Staff, responsible for all automotive transportation. In commenting upon his experiences at the Jamboree, he said that it is difficult for people not related to Scouting to visualize the magnitude of the Jamboree with a city of 47,000 boys and men springing up in 3 days, with water, sanitation, commissary, health, police, and administrative facilities. American boys invested 5 1/2 million dollars to share a camping experience with brother Scouts from all parts of America and foreign lands. The camp was divided into 35 Sections, with 35 Troops of 40 boys each in a Section. A road 5 1/2 miles long wound through the 2,200 acre state park. In order to attend the evening programs some Scouts had to make a 5 1/2 mile round trip hike, others more fortunate were only a half mile from the arena. It took only 1 1/2 hours to assemble the entire encampment in the arena, a natural amphitheatre on the slopes of a hill overlooking the camping area. One of the largest outdoor stages was constructed 100 feet deep and 300 feet wide with a backdrop of a Scout badge 3 stories high emblazoned with the words "Strengthen Liberty". It was in this setting that President Truman addressed the Scouts on June 30 and General Eisenhower on July 4th. The Scouts sat on the ground covering an area 900 feet wide and 1200 feet deep. My biggest thrill said Mr. Schwechel, was standing on top of the Star Redout watching columns of marching Scouts winding their way to church services last Sunday morning. Nine different services were held including Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Lutheran, Mormon, and Christian Science. Here were boys of all religious denominations each worshipping God according to his own conscience, demonstrating the freedom of religion in America and tolerance for the beliefs of others.

Tons Of Baggage

3,350 tons of baggage were unloaded during the three days the Scout campers arrived. Among the baggage were gateways by the hundred, 7 burros from Texas, rattlesnakes, horned toads, a badger, lobsters from Maine, Rhode Island chickens, trek carts, possibly 50,000 duffle bags. Commissary had a big job. Each night from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. 35 truck loads, or 11,000 loaves of bread, 2,380 cases of milk, 13,000 other parcels of food were delivered to the camp sites. Each Patrol of 8 Scouts did their own cooking. Not a fire was on the ground. All used charcoal grills, so as not to mar the park grounds. The North Shore Troops soon had a reputation for being good cooks and served as host to many ranking visitors.

blue, or pink, or maroon petals, or many more than that in the form of a double flower. There are more than two hundred species of clematis in the world. Twenty or so live in America, eighty or so in China; the rest are scattered from Siberia and Korea to Japan and Mongolia.

The clematis is a member of the ancient buttercup clan, and is one of the most ornamental of that diverse group of flowering plants. It blossoms now in gardens over much of America when May is on the land.

—The Living Museum

L.O.O.M. To Sponsor Benefit Ball Game At Highwood Memorial

Officers of Highland Park L.O.O.M. have announced that a benefit ball game will be staged at the Highwood Memorial park field on Sunday, August 6, between the Moose Governors and the Martin Jewelers of Chicago. In a recent encounter the Governors won over the Jewelers with a score of 8 to 6.

Proceeds of the game will be donated toward the Highwood hospital, now under construction.

Creative Dramatics Featured At City Junior Playgrounds

Creative dramatics are being presented at the junior playgrounds throughout the city which are sponsored by the Recreation Department. Miss Bunny Knox, a local resident, is the instructor and she visits each of the playgrounds several times during the season.

Miss Knox majored in the theatre at Western College and just recently attended a week's conference of the American Puppetry Organization at Oxford, Ohio. The schedule of dramatics for the junior playgrounds is as follows:

Thursday, July 13th—Braeside playground between 10:30 and 12:00 noon.

Friday, July 14th—Lincoln school playground between 9:00 and 12:00 noon.

Monday, July 17th — Ravinia

Not Regimented

Yet the camp was not a regimented camp. All day long boys in small groups sauntered past visiting the various camps. In some groups 3 or 4 states would be represented and occasionally a boy in the uniform of Canada, Lithuania, England, Australia, India, Mexico or France. Swapping was a great activity with sharp horse trading the order of the day.

Jamboree Magic

Here at Valley Forge, hallowed by George Washington's rugged Continental army, camps a new generation of young Americans unmindful of the war cloud hovering around Korea. To the American Scout, Jamboree is a magic word. It was originated by the late Chief Scout of the World, Baden Powell, from a corruption of a native African word meaning "the gathering of the tribes around a campfire". Here you see "Democracy in action", American boys demonstrating the ideals for which Washington's men endured privations and suffering to attain. Also at Valley Forge. The Jamboree brought to all who were privileged to see it, to participate in it, the realization that "America's Future lies in its youth."

school playground between 9:00 and 12:00 noon.

Tuesday, July 18th—Elm Place playground between 10:30 and 12:00 noon.

Wednesday, July 19th—Sunset Park playground.

Last week the children at Elm Place playground dramatized Cinderella under Miss Knox's direction. On Wednesday, July 19th, children from Lincoln playground will present a play for the regular Wednesday day campers at Sunset Park.

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