BIRDS AND MAN

(By Farley Mowat)

There are about thirteen thousand ible value of the hawk at nearly 2000 tively enormous quantities of food. out paying the slightest bit of attenage to fruit growers in the south- findings were briefly this: ern States.

The job of weighing the value of was to destroy all crops. birds is an immense one. A job that | 2. That the cause of the increase Royal Victoria Museum and the U.S. wardens and land owners. available. By the new method of people who say to themselves that district wish her a speedy recovery. stomach analysis the actual feeding it couldn't happen here would do habits of birds in various localities well to consider that even a slight at different seasons can at last be decrease in the number of hawks the Richmond Hill Glee Club reports determined accurately, and the scale means a corresponding increase in an encouraging response to his inviof bird values drawn up in under- destructive rodents and loss of grain. tation to all interested in forming standable form.

a few birds such as the odd hawk eleven hawks and five owls that are scarce and the farmer who owned suffer indirectly. the chicken promptly shoots all the In dealing specifically with hawks in extending congratulations and hawks in his property. During the and owls I have merely used them as best wishes. period of one year it has been deter- an illustration of the unseen value mined by examining the stomachs of or harm carried on by all birds. Beover 700 red-tailed hawks that one cause of popular interest in the birds of these birds would destroy upwards of prey they make a good example Rev. J. D. Cunningham, B.D., Minister to 1460 mice, each mouse having a but it should be remembered that all potential appetite of 2 lbs. of grain, birds fill a place that is just as es- 11 a.m.—"Five Swords". taken in the stook, or by killing sential, and should be understood just 2.30 p.m.—Sunday School. green crops. This places the poss-

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known species of birds in the world pounds of grain. Naturally this figand their total numbers run into un- ure is not to be taken as meaning told billions. Each bird manages to that every hawk on your property exist by a specialized form of life, will save you 3000 pounds of grain, adapting itself to climatic conditions, but it does mean that the hawk, food supplies and other external killed because it destroyed one or phenomena. A bird lives fast. By more chickens, had a potential value that I mean the body temperature, of over a ton of valuable crops. This body heat and way of life are extra- value is not obvious, the farmer ordinarily speeded up. In flight a would not notice one way or the other bird uses tremendous quantities of the hawks absence, but he does notenergy and as a result of its rapid ice the action of the hawk against metabolism it must consume rela- his poultry and deals with it with-Obviously with birds as common as | tion to the other side of the story. they are they must exert a very im- It is this state of affairs, notice of portant influence on man, through the obvious and ignorance of the agriculture particularly. The vast hidden conditions, that leads to disnumber of insect eating birds for in- aster, a disaster such as occurred in stance are estimated to save the Scotland in 1888-92, when parts of United States about \$700,000,000 an- Roxboroughshire, Selkirk, Peeples, nually, the seed eating birds destroy Lanark and Dumfries were overrun uncountable tons of weed seeds each with a plague of field mice that deyear. And at the same time certain stroyed practically every living thing. hawks are preying on poultry, game | To ascertain the cause of the outand fur-bearing animals, blackbirds break and to find a remedy a Royal and robins are causing heavy dam- Commission was appointed and their

depends on so many factors as to was due to the almost complete debecome almost impossible. Yet due struction of all hawks and owls in to the efforts of ornithologists, the the counties by over zealous game a fall on Friday of last week when

The important thing for the farm- hawk is of course very limited to the organization. Anyone interested er is to be able to grasp the rela- the action of one species. Hawks in promoting such an activity are tion of birds as a whole, to his wel- and Owls taken as a whole have cer- asked to get in touch with Mr. Edfare, and not the unusual actions of tain harmful tendencies. Of the munds at once. who takes a chicken. He should be found commonly in Ontario, two able to weigh the consequences of hawks and one owl are definitely celebrated her eighty-seventh birthkilling the hawk and decide defin- detrimental and could be reduced in day on Sunday, February 25th. She itely whether he gains or loses by numbers with no loss to agriculture. received many friends throughout his action. To take an example, sup- However even these hawks have a the day and was the recipient of pose a red-tailed hawk kills a hen place in the balance of nature and flowers, gifts and cards. Mrs. Graduring the winter when food is should they be destroyed we would ham is enjoying excellent health. The

as completely. terested in the economics of hawks and owls particularly I have listed the species of hawks and owls that may be encountered and the principle food items of each. If hawks are bothersome to one individual farmer he should take pains to identify the conditions should the big, round winged, soaring hawks ever be killed, they are the world's best mous-

Sharp-shinned Hawk and Coopers Hawks-Both rather small hawks, commonly called 'Blue Darters' feeding largely on small birds, insects and mice. These two hawks are of the same family and are not bene-

Red-tailed Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Rough-legged Hawk, Broadwinged Hawk. These are the buteos or soaring hawks and feed largely or completely on small mammals such as mice, insects and reptiles.

Sparrow Hawk, Piegon Hawk, Duck Hawk. The sparrow hawk is almost completely an insect eater while the other two of this family, the falcons, eat an almost neutral diet consisting of birds and mice.

Marsh Hawk. A resident of the swamps living largely on meadow

predominate in this small owl's food. the estate of Flora Isabel McLean, poultry, game and larger game make in the County of York, Widow, dethis owl a potential danger if it gets ceased, who died on or about the

the habit of chicken eating. feathers' living largely on small undersigned Personal Representa-

of the country's most potent mous- full particulars of their claims. Imers. The Short-eared hunts by day mediately after the said date the and the Long-eared by night. Their said Personal Representatives will diets are almost completely compos- distribute the assets of the said deed of mice.

to deal with the economic relations to the exclusion of all others, and of other birds such as crows, star- they will not be liable to any perlings and sparrows etc. But in this son of whose claim they shall not article I hope I have opened up a then have notice for the assets so line of thought to farmers and poul- distributed or any part thereof. trymen who are interested in their Dated at Toronto this 12th day of own welfare.

Local Notes: John Curzon reports James Duart McLean and Bohemian Waxwings; Harris Hord Donald Badgerow Mulholland reports a flock of spring crows on Feb. 14; From Windsor comes a report that spring migration has already started.

Social and Personal

Everyone invited to the Red Cross Leap Year Dance Friday night.

Miss Elinor Archibald of Toronto visited her cousin, Miss Evelyn G. Follett, this week.

Rev. W. Spurgeon Butt of Tottenham was a visitor in Town Wednesday and visited at the United Church Parsonage.

Richmond Hill Horticultural Society

Wednesday evening. Guests will be ing Master, and Mrs. Swanson.

Prominent members of the Eglinton Hunt Club will be among the guests.

The regular meeting of St. Mary's W.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. R. S. Mason, Yonge Street, on Tuesday next, March 5th at 2.45 p.m. Members are asked to kindly 1. That the effect of the outbreak bring in their February contrbutions to the Cent-a-Meal Fund.

Mrs. Jerry Smith, who is in the General Hospital, Toronto, following 3 p.m. Biological Survey in particular, sum- Comment on this incident is not bone in her elbow, is progressing maries of bird importance are now needed. However those complacent favorably. Her many friends in the

> Mr. Richard Edmunds, director of This mention of the red-tailed a Literary and Dramatic branch of

> > Mrs. Joseph Graham, Arnold St. Liberal joins with her many friends

RICHMOND HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday, March 3rd

7 p.m.—"Saving Lost Ideals". For the information of people in- Every man who goes on praying and loving is putting something into the current that will yet change the stream of history.

RETURN RAIL BARGAIN FARES March 1st - To Timmins, Norhawk before killing it. Under no anda, Kapuskasing and other points in the same district.

March 1-2 - To Capreol, Foleyet, Hornepayne, Geraldton and other points in the same district.

March 1-2-3 - To Trenton, Belleville, Smith's Falls.

Particulars from C.N.R. Ticket

The foreman of a gang of railway men had more than his share of Irish

One day he was walking along his section of the line when he found | one of his men fast asleep in the shade of a hedge. Eyeing the man with a smile, he said:

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Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of Flora Isabel McLean

Screech Owl. Mice and insects All persons having claims against Great Horned Owl. Rabbits, mice, late of the Village of Richmond Hill, 13th day of November, 1939, are Barred Owl. An owl with no 'ear hereby notified to send in to the tives of the said deceased on or be-Long and Short-eared Owls. Two fore the 9th day of March, 1940, ceased having regard only to claims In a later article I shall attempt of which they shall then have notice

February, 1940.

Their solicitors herein.

(Executors) c/o Fleming, Smoke & Mulholland, 330 Bay St., Toronto, Ontario,

Red Cross Notes

Red Cross Society and received by come. Richmond Hill Branch on February 24 is as follows:

The National War Work Committee are most desirous that all Branches know of the gratitude and appreciation of the Committee for the magnificent quality and quantity of Sunday, March 3rd supplies that the Branches are pour-Mrs. A. L. Phipps is representing ing into the National Warehouseboth Hospital Supplies and Knitting at the Ontario Convention in Toronto | are of the most excellent workmanship and a joy to handle.

All will be glad to know that sup-Richmond Lodge A.F. & A.M. an- plies are being packed and shipped nual "At Home" will be held next daily overseas in large quantities, and that in England a Committee has received by Mr. Carl Swanson, Rul- been set up to distribute these articles so that over there and on this side, the Army, Air Force and Sea-Richmond Hill Agricultural Society men (both British and Canadian) annual banquet is being held tonight. are receiving the woollens that you have made.

During the month of February two shipments of knitted goods have been sent by the Richmond Hill Red Cross Society to the National Warehouse, consisting of ten Balaclava caps, 65 pairs of socks, 26 pairs of wristlets, 16 scarfs, 9 pairs of half-mitts and

The regular monthly business meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 6th at

The Richmond Hill Red Cross Soshe had the misfortune to break a ciety has undertaken to help with a piece of special work - the making of the linings for the metal boxes in which surgical dressings will be sterilized for overseas use. This will be done on the Friday afternoons of March by the sewing committee, which committee will be given the exclusive use of the Work Room for that purpose. On this account, all other ladies who will sew for the Red Cross are asked to be present on Wednesday afternoons only, dur-

> See you at the Red Cross Dance in the High School Auditorium on Friday evening, March 1st.

ing March.

The regular March meeting of the Vaughan Township Council will be held in the Township Hall, Vellore

MONDAY, MARCH 4th 11 A.M. for the transaction of General Business

Dated at Maple this 2gth day of February, 1940.

EUCHRE Another Euchre will be held in the basement of St. Mary's R. C.

An interesting excerpt from Bulle- Church on Tuesday evening, March tin No. 6 issued by The Canadian 5th. Good prizes. Everybody wel- 9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. All De-

> ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Anglican) RICHMOND HILL Rector: Rev. W. F. Wr xon, L.Th.

4 Markham Road 11 a.m.-Holy Communion.

3 p.m.—Sunday School. p.m.-Evening Prayer and Sermon. Subject, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Preaches, Rev. W. S. Pock-

The Rector will conduct the ser-

preparing for the great Festival? | want."

RICHMOND HILL

UNITED CHURCH Rev. C. W. Follett, B.D. Pastor Sunday March 3rd

partments.

11 a.m.—Communion service. Sermon subject, Thomas-"The Print of the Nails". Series on "The Associates of Jesus."

7 p.m.-Vesper service. One hour. Inspiring musical features at all Lent 4 services led by Mr. A. Melecci, and his splendid choir. You and your family and friends will receive a cordial welcome.

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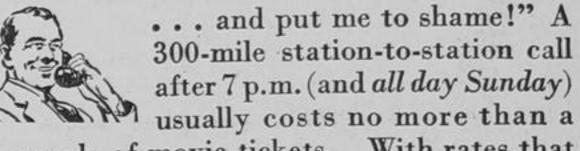
"What's the fundamental difference between a man and a woman?" "A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 art-

icle he wants, while a woman will Three weeks till Easter. Are we pay \$1 for a \$2 article she doesn't

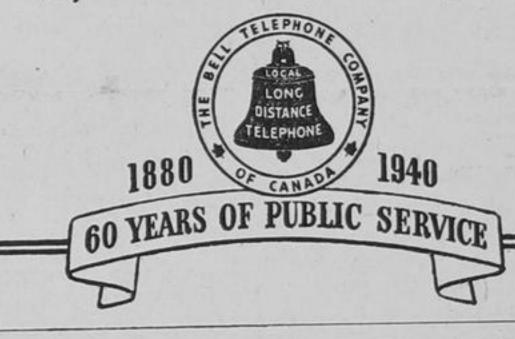
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