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### NEWSY NATURE NOTES

By Stuart J. Thompson

#### A CHRISTMAS BIRD CENSUS

Here is a good way to get up a fine appetite for that jolly Christmas dinner you are planning to have with your friends. Arrange to have a bird hike in company with other nature-lovers. A good walk up and down hill, through the woods and over the fields in the frosty, wintry air is always bracing, but when you have a hike with an objective, the enjoyment is two-fold. On this hike our objective will be to find out exactly the kinds of birds which are in your locality now-a-days, and how many of each kind. In other words, you are going to take a "bird census" and I venture to say the results will surprise you.

Every year such a census is taken by many of the various nature clubs in Canada, and as it is arranged that the parties go afield all at the same time, it stands to reason that the birds listed are almost sure to be different individuals, so that a fairly accurate estimate can be formed of our bird population at that time of year. Perhaps you can add your observations to this information.

The more different types of country you can visit, the more species of birds you are likely to see. Suppose we have a mid winter with no ice upon the lakes or ponds, there may be ducks swimming about waiting for their food. The Old Squaw—a strange name for a duck—is sure to be in sight. You will know him by his very long tail. There also may be Goldeneyes, American mergansers, and Scaup ducks. Flying overhead, and sitting upon the water are Canada geese. You will find at least three kinds of gulls, the Herring, the Ring-billed, and the Great black-backed gull. There is no mistaking the latter with his black mantle, but it will be your problem to distinguish the two former apart. With open water you may expect a kingfisher seeking his fishy food.

A ramble across the snowy woods, covered field may reveal a flock of Snow Buntings. These typical birds of the snow are easily recognized in their white and brown plumage. But look carefully among the flock for darker colored stragglers which mingle freely, as they all move about. These may be Horned Larks or Lapland Longspurs.

But by far the greatest number of our winter birds are to be found in the woods and thickets. It is here birds find shelter and food in the shape of concealed insects and frozen trunks of trees. The busy Downy Woodpecker, and the Nutcracker are scrambling about the tree trunks. You may even find that mite of the forest the Brown Creeper. The Chickadee is sure to be there, and with him the Golden-crowned Kinglet, all seeking insect food. While feeding upon the seeds of any frozen fruits there is always a possibility of meeting with a flock of Herring Gulls, Grosbeaks and Purple Finches. And, too, Crossbills, either the Red or the White-winged, may be seen picking the seeds out of the hemlock or pine cones. Who knows what eyes are silently watching you as you walk about? The Great-horned or the Long-eared or the Boreal owl may all be hiding out of sight in the thick evergreen boughs.

These are but a few of our winter visitors whom you may meet on your bird census. It would be impossible to tell of all there are in one brief chat, but I can promise you that with eyes and ears alert, surprises and pleasures are in store for you on your bird-hike, and a good appetite by the time you arrive home.

#### MODEL SCHOOL

The following children received Honor Standing for month of December alphabetical.

- Grade VIII—Evelyn Kays, Stephanie McDonald, Phyllis McMillan, Elmer McMillan, Irving Praught.
- Grade VI—Richard Doyle, Betty Lou Howatt, June Younker.
- Grade V—Marion Andrews, Jimmy Korrey, Don McLean, Marcel Plourde, Alton Younker.
- Grade V—Vivian Andrews, Jack Howatt, Janet Ives, Kler Matheson, Walter Ross.
- Grade III—Eleanor Kays, Joyce Proctor, Ann Worthy.
- Grade III—Gordon McLean.
- Grade II—Ronnie Atkinson, Shirley Downe, Anita Lynds, Margaret Moreside, Marleen Warren.



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#### Building New Homes

The pre-fabricated house, the dream of economists a decade ago who saw the mass production home pulling America out of depression, is back in the head lines again, south of the border. This time, however, they are not quite so much shouting about it and a lot more serious work. Quietly, but earnestly, a well-financed organization in New York has been experimenting and studying all details of pre-fabrication. Now, it is reported, they are almost ready to go into mass production.

Biggest obstacle the pre-fabricated house has had to overcome is the public dislike of "sameness" in home design. While most people are willing to drive a mass produced car, the same people want an individualistic home. Consequently assembly line principles in home production ran into an uncomfortable snag. The new pre-fabricators, however, claim to have overcome this difficulty.

First reports of the new move to pre-fabrication indicates that American mass production housing experts are following lines already developed in Canada. Several years ago a certain Canadian building material manufacturer, recognizing the coming trend, introduced one of the first principles of pre-fabrication when factory fabricated asphalt insulated sidings were made available for exterior wall surfaces, together with large sheets of factory-fabricated insul-board for interior walls and partitions. This Canadian development went a long way towards the pre-fabricated house and proved extremely practical and economical. At the same time it preserved the individuality of home sidings and insul-board could be applied in any size or design. During recent years the new building method has been widely used and has proved efficient and cost saving in use.

#### Its Imagination In Raising Funds

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (CP)—Mrs. August Belmont, winner of the 1940 American Woman's Association Award for Lifetime Achievement, has built two interesting and famous careers in the last 40 years. In the golden days of the 1900s she was a Broadway hostess, a beautiful young actress, Eleanor Robson. Now, as the handsome white-haired widow of the banker-sportsman philanthropist, she has won fame for her philanthropic and social service, in recognition of which she received the A. W. A. award.

In her philanthropic works Mrs. Belmont is known for her speed and efficiency in raising funds. If all the dollars she has helped raise for various projects in the last 25 years were heaped in one mountain of millions, its computation would make a comtometer creek.

#### How Its Done

When the writer asked her the secret of her success in organization, raising funds and making people do things, "she looked non-plussed, then said succinctly, "It takes imagination and enthusiasm." But her cohorts are a good deal more articulate on the subject. This sums up what they have to say:

"She makes everybody she works with feel he is a real and important part of the project and gives him a sense of being two inches taller and ten times better than he is. "She never loses sight of the people whom she is trying to help. She reads their letters and can sell them in a way that stirs up sympathy for them. She has a wonderful speaking voice—educated and cultivated—but she's not stand-offish and high-bred. She can work with all kinds of people from elevator men to presidents, meet everyone on his own level and win him over to her side. You just can't say "no" to Mrs. Belmont."

#### Selecting Gilts For Breeding

(Experimental Farm News)

In the selection of a gilt, the common practice is to pick one from a good litter. As far as it goes, this is the logical thing to do, and in addition the good litter is from a sow which has produced several litters of thirty good-going pigs, the chosen gilt has all the more possibility of developing to one's satisfaction, states Edward B. Fraser, Division of Animal Husbandry, Dominion Experimental Farms Service.

In selecting a gilt from a litter of several litters if they are available, it is well to choose carefully. The good breeder will select a gilt which is large and well developed, and which has been grown rather than fattened. It is a mistake to leave a promising gilt in a feed lot until the rest of the litter is ready for market. The better practice is to select one of the breeding prospects—more than it is intended to keep—at three or four months

### In Memoriam

#### MRS. RACHEL HUESTIS

There passed away at Kensington on November 25th, Mrs. Rachel Huestis, widow of the late Charles Huestis who predeceased her six months ago. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Slaver, and was born at Wilnot Valley sixty-nine years ago.

She had been in failing health for some years but was about as usual, but passed away suddenly on the above mentioned date.

The following family are left to mourn, two sons Lyman on the homestead at Wilnot Valley and Ira, living at Wilnot Valley, one daughter Mrs. Waldron Stewart of Kensington, also the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. George Easter, Kensington, Mrs. W. D. Sheen, Arlington, Mass.; Mrs. Colin Campbell, Freetown; Mrs. Colin Ramsay, Hamilton; two brothers, George Slaver, Milton, Mass., and Robert of St. Elizabeth, P. E. Island.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Rhodes assisted by Rev. Mr. Slaver.

Funeral arrangements were made by "The Lord's My Shepherd," safe in the arms of Jesus. "Asleep in Jesus." Pallbearers were Messrs. Edward C. Soley, Soley, Colin Ramsay, Colin Campbell, Alfred McNeill, and Robert Agnew.

Funeral arrangement was under the direction of Mr. Joseph L. Davison, Kensington.



#### Girl Guide News

##### 6TH GUIDE COMPANY

The 6th Company held a rummage sale Sunday the 14th and despite the epidemic of flu did very well. They also dressed dolls for the Scouts. There will be no regular meeting of this Company on Friday the 20th, but they will meet jointly with the 7th Company on Monday the 23rd at 6.30. The Christmas baskets will be packed at this meeting. Every member of the company please attend.

#### House Plants Prefer Certain Windows

In the management of house plants, the location of windows is most important as a rule. Windows facing south are preferable to the ones with a western outlook, because during the short winter days the western windows will receive little sun and what they do receive is too horizontal to be of much service. On the other hand, for shade-loving plants like palms and ferns, windows facing east are most suitable.

Dwelling house air is usually dry, of age, and provide them with the exercise and range so necessary for their proper development. Then, when the gilts are about six months of age make a final selection, fatten the ones which are culled and continue to grow out those selected for breeding.

The chosen gilts should be of bacon type which means a combination of good length, depth, and balance. The well balanced gilt is smooth and trim in the shoulder, well fleshed in the back, and carries a full but trim underline, and with plump hams which are well filled down to the hocks. Again, in choosing gilts it is particularly important to select those with good mammary development—those which have at least 12 and preferably 14 normal teats.

It pays to have the gilt well developed before breeding. Depending on this development, therefore, the best results are obtained when the first litter is farrowed when the sow is between 12 and 14 months of age.

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particularly during the winter months and creates a condition especially inviting to the red spider which plays havoc with foliage. Dryness in the air may be decreased by evaporating water in the room and by springing foliage on bright days. Thick leaved plants may be sponged with water containing whale oil soap. Ventilation on pleasant days is beneficial to house plants.

In choosing plants for the house, their fitness for this purpose may be determined largely from structure and general appearance. Plants with thick leaves with a small glossy surface are but little affected by a dry temperature, while plants with small thin leaves dry up quickly. Deciduous plants which show bare stems in winter are the least decorative.

At night plants do best in a temperature ten or fifteen degrees lower than they need during the day. Most species used as house plants require no more than fifty or fifty-five degrees Fahrenheit at night, and they will not suffer if the thermometer falls to forty although such a temperature maintained for some time would check growth. Frozen plants should be thawed out slowly. They should be moved from the direct rays of the sun and kept at a temperature of from thirty-five to forty degrees until thawed. If cold water is used for thawing, the temperature must not rise above forty degrees. Water at fifty or sixty degrees will probably hurt plants more than by permitting them to thaw themselves out.

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