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FLIGHT PATTERNS

Not only are wings used quite differently by the various kinds of birds, but they are made in lengths and shapes most suitable for a special purpose. Consequently the expert bird watcher is able to identify most species while in flight, even from a considerable distance. The tiny Hummingbird buzzes along on narrow, non-flexible wings that make about 50 beats a second. The big Red-shouldered Hawk soars with opened wing tips like fingers. Man has tried to copy this device by making wing-slots in airplanes. The wing-slots in natural birds of prey, move in soundless flight because of wide feathers and soft pile.

The long wings of that remarkably fast flyer, the Chimney Swift, are bow-shaped and stiff, making the flight of a Swift unique. Only the tips of its wings beat the air, and the action is so rapid that man's eye cannot follow it. In contrast, the Great Blue Heron flaps slowly along on wide wings, with the ability to keep aloft for at least 17 hours without stopping. Likewise, a Black-crowned Night Heron flaps its wings in a wide arc. Great Black-backed Gulls alternately flap and glide. In the air, Starlings rate among the most easily identified birds, with their stubby appearance, short triangular wings, and swift, direct flight. The flight of Woodpeckers is undulating. Their wing action is entirely different, produced by a succession of several quick beats followed by a pause. The wings of the best fliers are deeply arched. Franklin's Gull is an example. A quick stop is made by applying the brake — outstretching wings and tail. Terns, which are relatives of Gulls, have a remarkably light wing action, can flap or glide, twist and turn with the greatest agility. The inner part of the wing of a Royal Tern (with a spread of 44 inches) is actually stream-lined. When gliding the gaps between the body and the wings are closed. Even some birds bearing the same surname are differently constructed because their actions are so unlike. The wings of a Cooper's Hawk are rounded, its tail long and rounded at the end. This bird keeps to the woods, seldom soaring, but dashes through the bushes after its prey. However, the wings of a Sparrow Hawk have a jog like an elbow, and end in sharp points. This Robin-sized Hawk habitually hovers in the open on rapidly beating wings, looking for grasshoppers.

Where do Baltimore Orioles build?

York And Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wyatt were visitors to the city on Tuesday, May 5th.

Mrs. Howard Watts and daughter Carol spent Monday, May 4th in the city.

Mrs. Alex Beaton is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Albert Proud, York. Her many friends are glad to see her back again.

Mr. Frank Watts spent Monday, May 4th, in the city.

Miss Norma Lewis R. N. Boston, is spending her holidays in York, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vessey and family, Hazel and Lorna, spent Sunday in Brackley Point, the guests of Mrs. Louis McCallum and Mr. and Mrs. Gregor McCallum.

The play which was staged by Cherry Valley, in York Hall, was much enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shaw and family, Brackley Point, visited friends and relatives in York on Sunday, May 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McDonald, Union, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crockett on Sunday, May 3rd.

Quite a number in York are attending the Musical Festival this week. Many are taking part.

Mrs. Gordon Crockett was a visitor to the city Tuesday, May 5th.

Miss Aletha Brown has returned to her home after spending the winter months in Toronto. She is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leith Brown, York.

Miss Connie Cook, city, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Aletha Brown, York, on Tuesday, May 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leith Brown, Tuesday evening, May 5th.

Miss Marguerite Vessey returned to her home after spending the winter months in Toronto. She is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Vessey, York.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rodd and son Billy, paid a short visit to York Tuesday evening, May 5th.

Exit Tony Blount
by Sydney Parkman
CHAPTER XIV
THURLOW BEGINS TO SUSPECT

Thurlow dropped the buff-coloured forms on the desk with a sudden impatient gesture and, rising to his feet, went over to the window and stared out moodily. The open space before the Residence lay dusty in the glaring afternoon sunshine. The steep-pitched roofs of the copra sheds, which lifted their peaks over its farthest edge, danced distortedly through the heat haze rising from the flat expanse of baked earth; and the still, green water of the lagoon, which showed between them, shimmered dizzily before his eyes. Farther out, the dazzling band of snowy-white surf swirled and eddied along the line of the barrier reef, and beyond again the intense blue of the ocean stretched away to the distant horizon.

He stared out unseeing at the familiar scene, for his mind was still on the reports he had been studying, and his expression of gloom deepened as he wondered, for the fiftieth time, how he was going to deal with the problem they raised.

He cranked in the room behind him, and he turned round sharply. At sight of the girl's dark head bent over the tattered illustrated supplement, however, his momentary tenseness relaxed. She had been sitting so quietly that he had forgotten she was there at all, and, as he slowly turned back to the window, she passed from his consciousness again completely as his mind took up its problem once more.

It was a problem which had been growing in intensity in the course of the last couple of weeks — ever since he had moved into the Residence in fact — and, little as he liked it, he realised that it entailed a decision on his part which could not be delayed much longer. And that decision was one which would inevitably affect his future very seriously.

He had been on the island a full month now, and in that period he had been forced to readjust his ideas completely. In accepting the identity that had been thrust upon him and allowing himself to be landed here, he had acted on pure compulsion. There had simply been no alternative at the time. But, while he had realised that he was being forced into an entirely false position, he had consoled himself with the hope that once he was left alone he would be able to devise some scheme for quietly disappearing from the official post he was assuming.

But things had not worked out that way. At the end of the first couple of days it had been borne in upon him that by his assumption of the dead Resident's identity he had unknowingly forfeited his last chance of escape to the outside world. Under the conditions prevailing on the island, he saw clearly that it would only be possible for him to leave it with the knowledge and connivance of the trader, and for obvious reasons that was out of the question.

Bernard - Doucette Wedding

Congratulations are being received by the former Miss Dorothy Doucette, Pleasant View, and Mr. Omer Bernard, Skinner's Pond, whose marriage took place on Wednesday morning, April 29th, in the Immaculate Conception Church, Palmer Road.

Rev. Emmanuel Richard, who performed the ceremony, also celebrated the nuptial mass.

The bride was attended by Miss Vida Bernard, sister of the groom, while Mr. Henry Doucette, the bride's brother, supported the groom.

After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Doucette.

The wedding supper was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Bernard, Skinner's Pond, where immediate relatives of the bride and groom gathered. They were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts.

little to worry about for the time, and though he realised that by this turn of events he was now committed to take his assumed post of Residence seriously, he contented himself at first with looking about him and completing his convalescence at his ease.

To be continued

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WORTHING, England, (AP) — Emma Rooke, who claimed to be Britain's oldest woman, died Thursday at 107, her relatives said Saturday.

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