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The Protection Of Our Birds

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To The Editor:

At a meeting of the Civic Improvement League on Friday afternoon, the 13th inst. at which Mrs. W. D. Pruden, the president, presided a resolution was passed urging the importance of looking after the birds; and seeing that they are protected from the vandalism practiced upon them by the small boys and thoughtless young men of our community. There are so many of our birds that are of great value to our farmers for they destroy any quantity of insects, mice, etc. which do so much damage to the crops and for this reason every farmer who has his interests at stake should make a study of the birds and their lives so that he may know his friends and use every means in his power to protect them from destruction. Then too we have the beautiful blue and red birds which adorn our woods and forests; and every glimpse of whom gives us an added pleasure. We also have our delightful song birds, chief of whom is our most beautiful singer—the mocking bird. One of the sweetest memories that I have of my farm life is that connected with a mocking bird. Many a beautiful moonlight night have I lain awake and listened to this mocking bird, whose notes were strains of most fascinating music, and the longer you listened the more fascinated you became. To recall these nights when I was so entertained gives me great pleasure even now, and I will state that no experience that I had on the farm ever gave me more pleasure. I love the birds and am fond of listening to their sweet notes so full of melody and the yearnings of their glad-some natures. In fact so much is thought of them by the Federal Government that it has placed on its statute book laws for their protection, and so has our State with severe penalties attached for killing them. To treat them cruelly or torture them is made a misdemeanor and punishable in the state courts. I can hardly understand how any one could treat the little birds cruelly or mean, for they are innocent of all harm and certainly do little injury to any one, and it ought not to be necessary to call any one's attention to the necessity of using means for the preventing of persons from killing these birds and especially our song birds; yet it is reported that during last Christmas holidays four mocking birds were ruthlessly killed by some boys in the Catholic church yard in Edenton. What a shame when there are so few of them with us now! I believe this is the reason why they are so scarce, (i. e.) the wanton killing of these birds. It is desired and most important that all mothers and fathers take a decided stand in the interest and behalf of the birds and teach their children what it means to thoughtlessly take the life of any bird, especially our beautiful singers and those that are the friends of the farmers. The parents—the fathers and mothers can have more in-

fluence in getting the boys right on this subject than any others. To them the appeal is largely made that they teach the boys that it is wrong, not only because the law says so, but because it is morally wrong to needlessly kill or injure the birds for mere sport or to satisfy a savage craving for the lives of the dear and innocent little creatures. I believe the intelligent element of this community will readily appreciate the importance of co-operation and to these the appeal is directly made by the Civic Improvement League and it earnestly requests and strongly urges all good men to take a hand with it for the protection and preservation of the birds and to join it in all of its good works for the betterment of the community. The League is doing a good work in beautifying our town and making it more sanitary. Call on Mrs. W. D. Pruden the president or Mrs. H. G. Skinner the secretary and become a member. I am certain you will not regret it.

Respectfully,
W. J. LEARY, Sr.

The Witch of Bender

A delightful comedy was given at Bell's opera house Thursday of last week by Hertford talent, under the direction of Mrs. Tom Cook, the proceeds being for the Methodist church here. As an introduction Mr. D. M. Fields of Hertford gave some of his original character songs; which were heartily enjoyed, being encored several times; Miss Myrtle Chappell of Hertford was pianist.

Those taking the parts of the characters in the play were Misses Myra Skinner, Adelaide White, Mary McMullan and Mattie Lister and Messrs. Carl Winslow, Wayne Hebron, James McNider and Wood Gaither. Everyone acted his or her part well. Miss Myra Skinner and Mr. Carl Winslow were frightened "some" at that witch and it is certainly fortunate her identity became known before they slept, otherwise their "oil" dreams might have "fled away as a cloud." The part of the old maid, perhaps the most difficult of all the characters, was perfectly acted by Miss Adelaide White and she should be congratulated for so successful and happy a culmination of "matrimonial inclinations." The object of her affection, Mr. Hebron, also deserves honorable mention, "or rather, perhaps, that is to say, we think he does." Mr. James McNider is a born actor and should appear in public as often as possible. Miss Mary McMullan acted well her part and literally as well as phenomenally frightened many of her audience as well as the Boliver family with her witch screams. When lessons are to be taught in courting, call on Mr. Wood Gaither for the real question and Miss Mattie Lister for the burning heart of a poet, especially quotations from Shakespeare. Miss Lister's part was also difficult and exceedingly well rendered.

"But that a joy past joy calls out on me,
It were a grief, so brief to part with thee:
Farewell."

Wm. W. P. Remedy
BELIEVED WHICH OTHERS FEAR

Thanksgiving and Christmas Receipts

For The Housewives Who Read The Albemarle Observer.



As the festive season draws near, every provident housewife begins to think of something alluring and toothsome for the Thanksgiving and Christmas guests. We append below three receipts, representing three historical periods, which we guarantee will please the most fastidious. For the simplicity of the olden time, we give, according to the best authority, a correct copy from Martha Washington's old original receipt book, a fruit cake popular at Mount Vernon and also at the White House:

Martha Washington's Fruit Cake.

Beat to a cream a pound and a half of sugar and a half pound of butter. Add gradually the well beaten yolk of six eggs and a pint of cream—sour cream—in which a small teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved. Alternating with the addition of the sour cream, add one and three-fourth pounds of well-sifted flour. Fold in the stiffly beaten whites of six eggs, and lastly one pound each, stoned and chopped raisins, and well cleaned currants, and half-pound thin-sliced citron, over which mixture has been sprinkled the juice of one lemon and yellow rind of two, one grated nutmeg and a sprinkle of cinnamon and mace. Turn into a paper-lined pan and bake slowly two and a half hours, covering with buttered paper while baking.

Lady Baltimore Cake.

Just before the Civil War in Charleston, S. C., Lady Baltimore Cake was very popular:

One cupful of butter, two cupful of sugar, three and a half cupful of flour, one cupful sweet milk, whites of six eggs, one teaspoonful baking powder, one teaspoonful lemon extract and bake in three layer cake pans.

To make the filling—Dissolve three cupful of sugar in one cupful of boiling water. Boil until it threads, then pour it over the stiffly beaten whites of three eggs stirring constantly. To this icing add one cupful of chopped raisins, one cupful chopped nuts, five figs cut in thin strips. Ice top and between layers with this or use grated cocoanut for filling.

Chicken Salad.

One chicken boiled until tender. Bone and cut in small cubes, one cup of celery in cubes, one cup of English walnuts broken up. For dressing—Yolks of four eggs, six tablespoonsful of vinegar, two of sugar, one teaspoonful of dry mustard, one teaspoonful of salt, one pinch of red pepper. Cook dressing in double boiler until thick, adding tablespoonful of butter. When cool add one cup of whipped cream. Mix well with salad and serve on lettuce leaves.



Roper News.

Mrs. J. B. Williams and child returned to her home in Hamilton N. C., last Friday after a delightful visit to her sister, Mrs. J. J. Hassell.

Mrs. Stevenson and daughter, Miss Rosa, of Shalboro, N. C., were guests of Mrs. Ida Blount last week.

J. E. Lilley of Littleton, N. C., was here several days last week and returned home Friday, accompanied by his aged father, J. B. Lilley who will make his home with him.

On last Friday, Cecil Hall, a colored laborer employed by the Roper Lumber Co., in their log woods, had his skull fractured by a falling limb while felling trees and was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, but died Saturday night from his injuries.

C. W. Mitchell of Norfolk spent several days here, recently with his father, J. W. Mitchell.

Mrs. Della Fodrey, Miss Bruner and little Miss Rachel Hancock

returned to their home in New Bern Tuesday after a delightful visit to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wentz. Among those attending the Farmers Convention at Greenville this week are J. T. McAllister, N. W. Spruill, J. E. Phelps and D. I. Marrow.

Attention is again called to the Bazaar and Salad supper to be given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24th, at the Town Hall, for the benefit of the society, to which the public is cordially invited.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Potter are attending the N. C. conference of the M. E. Church, South, at Washington this week. Among others in attendance are Mr. L. G. Roper, Miss Mabel Roper.

West Belvidere.

Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Ward spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Copeland.

Miss Gertrude Wooten is spending a few days this week in Hert-

ford as the guest of Mrs. Bob Jordan.

Messrs. Lincsey and Winborn Evans spent Sunday afternoon in West Belvidere.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Tom Lamb.

Mr. Basil Copeland spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Troy Chappell.

Mr. and Mrs. Velum Wimpow spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Perry.

Messrs. Archie Layden and Jerome Hurdle were the guests of Misses Beatrice and Vashti Copeland Saturday evening.

Quite a number of the people around here attended the funeral of Mrs. Mollie Elliott.

Messrs. Irvin Wooten and Archie Bacchus were the guests of Misses Maggie and Sylvia Lamb Saturday evening.

Messrs. Archie Layden and Jerome Hurdle and Misses Beatrice and Vashti Copeland were the guests of Messrs. David and Clarence Rogerson Sunday evening.

Messrs. Archie Bacchus and Joe Perry were the guests of Miss Ocia Copeland Sunday afternoon.

Eure Notes.

Miss Tullie Harrell entertained a number of her friends and school mates from Friday night until Sunday evening.

Mrs. M. D. Harrell is reported a little better.

Miss Caroline Harrell who fell and broke her thigh about 18 months ago, died in Norfolk last Saturday and was brought up Monday and buried at Eure Christian church. We hope her sufferings are all ended and she is resting in the beautiful mansion of the blest.

Mr. Joe Eure went to Gatesville Monday on business.

Mr. J. B. Mansean visited Miss Beulah Umphlet Monday.

Mr. J. G. Felton called to see Miss Mollie Mansean Monday night.

Miss Mollie Mansean and Mrs. Louisa Harrell visited Mrs. J. T. Harrell Saturday.

Mrs. R. J. Horton got home Thursday night from Lake View hospital. Also Miss Lynda Williams returned home after an operation for appendicitis. She is getting on nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Horton entertained a crowd of their friends Saturday night.

Big Fiddlers Convention at Macedonia

The Farmers Union and Chowanock Tribe No. 141, Improved Order of Red Men of Macedonia will hold a Fiddlers Convention at Macedonia School House on Thursday night December 10th. The public is cordially invited. Admission 10 and 15c.

Honor Roll For The School at Smalla Cross Roads For The Month Ending Nov. 6th.

First grade—Ella Savage, Clifton Dail, Margaret Elliott and Ralph Copeland.

Third grade—Vera Morris, Ella Mae Perry, James Dail.

Fourth grade—Bertrice Dail, Alton Parks, Elizabeth Elliott.

Wiggins' X Roads

Owing to the inclement weather Sunday afternoon the attendance at Parker's church was small.

Mr. Jim Taylor of Petersburg, Va., spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. E. S. Taylor.

Mrs. C. C. Savage attended the burial of her brother, Mr. Sidney Kittrell of Willetton last week.

Mr. Hersey Jones accompanied Miss Una Ellis to see Miss Clara Benton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. George Morgan and Miss Margarette White were out driving Sunday afternoon.

J. S. Pierce and Joe Byrum of Swains called to see the Misses Brown Saturday night.

Mrs. Doodie Griffin was the guest of friends Monday afternoon.

J. N. Brown and son had business in Suffolk Tuesday.

Miss Marietta Parker spent Monday evening as the guest of friends.

Messrs. Herbert and Frank Brinkley of Cypress Chapel were in town Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. P. Jones spent Sunday night with her mother.

Jonesville News

Mr. Tom Lassiter of Winton, N. C., took dinner Tuesday with Mr. Edwin Jones.

Miss Addie Jones is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Jones.

Mrs. J. B. Jones visited her parental home Saturday evening. Mr. Eugene Lassiter and Mr. Raleigh Hare were the guests of the Misses Jones Sunday afternoon.

School begun at Jones School house Monday, Nov. 9th with Miss Inez Felton, teacher. We hope our school will prosper under her management.

Mr. Fred Baines had a corn shucking one night last week which was largely attended and very much enjoyed.

Mr. C. R. Jones called at the home of Mr. J. B. Nixon Monday morning on business.

Mr. James Smith of Soraple town was a caller Monday night.

Mr. Y. B. Hayes of Hillwood called at the home of Mr. Edwin Jones Monday night on business.

From Beulah.

Miss Lucille Spivey of the G. H. S. accompanied by two school mates, Misses Minnie, Eury and Geneva, Nixon spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Spivey.

Misses Irma and Lucie Hilder entertained to "Book" last Thursday evening.

Mr. Sidney Pierce is on the sick list.

Mr. Maywood Spivey motored to Suffolk last Friday afternoon.

Miss Leona Ward of Swains was the week-end guest of Miss Georgia Brown.

Mrs. H. L. Brown and Miss Lizzie spent last Sunday afternoon with Mrs. H. Walker.

Mrs. Perry of Hobberville is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. Lassiter.

Itch! Itch! Itch! Scratch! Scratch! Scratch! The more you scratch, the sooner the itch. Try Doan's Ointment. For eczema, any skin itching, etc., it has a cure.