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Bird Study

On Monday afternoon Miss Powell, Hazel Cobb, Josey Moore, and Eulalie Robertson went out in the woods to study birds. They took with them two pairs of field glasses and a bird guide book. They had not gone very far when several birds, were heard singing and chirping. Finally the little songsters were located. One of them was found to be a chirping sparrow. Its breast was gray, its head black, and wings were chestnut. Another peculiar little chirp was heard far away, by close study it was found that this was our brown thrasher. He was a bright reddish brown, his breast white with black spots. His song is very musical. At first one would think that he sang in the same key of the cat bird, but by a careful study his carol became very distinct.

The slate colored junco was found in an open field. He is a winter bird but seemed to be enjoying the spring with us. He had a pink bill with white markings on his tail and breast. He was very busy helping to build a nest and paid very little attention to us. His sweet little simple trill caused us to take a great deal of interest in him.

The study of birds is very interesting. They are one of the world's greatest gifts.
 Eulalie Robertson '23

Alumni Notes

The approach of Easter brings us again in touch with many members of last year's senior class.

Earl Daughtry has returned from the University of North Carolina for the Easter holidays. Julian Allsbrook and Charlie Spencer are also expected back from the University for Easter. Other members of last year's class at Chapel Hill are Walter Wafford, John and Clarence Cates.

John Vick is at Washington and Lee University, Minnie Daughtry, Bessie Hedgepeth and Nell Jones are students at the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro.

Louise Lain is at Greensboro College.

Traynam Wyche is at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.

Mary Matthews is living in Rosemary.

Elizabeth Robertson was married March 10th to Mr. Harvey Hazlewood, of Roanoke Rapids.

Senior Class Meeting

The president of the senior class called a special meeting Monday afternoon to discuss plans for the senior class day exercises. Miss Powell was asked to give plans and suggestions for Commencement. No definite plans were made. The president appointed a committee and sub-committee to work out plans for class day and present them at next class meeting which will be held next week.
 Birdie Williams '21

A Parody and How it Was Written
 With Apologies to J. G. Holland

On March the eighteenth we had to have ready to hand in, a map of Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids. In this map we had to locate all the churches and public buildings, the railroad and canal. At the appointed time my map was incomplete. On the same morning, at the same hour, for the same teacher, we had to know this poem:

"God give us men. The time demands
 Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and willing hands;
 Men whom the lust of office does not kill,
 Men whom the spoils of office will not buy,
 Men who possess opinions and a will;

Men who have honor; men who will not lie

Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog
 In public duty and in private thinking.

Only a few minutes were left me. As I worked under the tremendous strain of last minute effort a poetic inspiration seized me and this was the result:

"Man give us a map! Today we need them,
 Straight roads, churches on the right location;
 Mistakes that the eyes of the teacher cannot see,
 And a railroad that curves at the right place;
 A canal that is in the right position;

Good maps! Pupil praised who has a one
 In the left hand corner!"
 Norfleet Vick. '22

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class gave a concert last Monday night in the School Auditorium. The program consisted of readings, songs and an operetta. The children performed splendidly, the smaller ones, doing especially well.

and a load of corn—and the end of it is that Doc Bentley rides that same nag today, up and around Grangers. See, there he comes over that rise. He'll be here in five minutes.

"Where was I at? Oh, yes. Well, when he was six miles out of Nortonville, and walked into town, Miss Edith Somers was waiting at the Presbyterian church. That was at noon, and you might think Doc Bentley could have covered the distance on foot by then. But the fact is—which I forgot to tell you—that he had been stumped by his fall and lay like a log in the road from two in the morning until half-past eight. Also, he had a broken shoulder.

"Miss Somers waited with the bridal party from noon until a quarter past one. Then her father took her home, and an hour later they were speeding in their car out of Nortonville. She never went back—I guess she was too proud. Of course you know Jim Somers lost his fortune in the panic year.

"Doc Bentley had to leave Nortonville, of course. We learned his story soon after he got here, but I reckon nobody holds it against him. Anyway, he's a powerful good doctor. But don't you believe what other folks say, for, as I told you, they'll get it wrong, miss.

"Well, I must leave you here, for I've got some shopping to do. But walk straight ahead to the turn and you'll see the school on top of that rise. Good morning, doctor! This is the new principal of—You know her?"

"Carry Myers, come here! Come here! There, you're too slow! You've missed it! What did I see? Why, Doc Bentley kissing the new principal of the free school in the middle of the street, as bold as brass, and—look! Why, they're carrying on as if there wasn't another human being in the world but just themselves!"

Service Spells Sales.

Some people are accustomed to buying their groceries by the quart, peck or bushel. But oftentimes they buy by weight, and while they do they are at a loss to know exactly how much to order.

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Notice of Registration and Town Election

The voters of the Town of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, will take notice that, pursuant to and under the laws of the State of North Carolina governing City and Town elections, and under the provisions of the charter of the Town of Roanoke Rapids relating to elections the regular biennial election for the purpose of electing a mayor and five commissioners for the Town of Roanoke Rapids, will be held at the usual polling place in said Town on Tuesday, the 3rd day of May, A. D. 1921, between the hours of 8 o'clock, A. M., and sunset; that the registrar appointed by the Board of Commissioners on the 2nd,

day of March, A. D. 1921, and hereinafter named, will, beginning on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1921, and closing on the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1921, keep the Registration books open for the registration of voters from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 5 o'clock, P. M. at the Mayor's Office excepting on Saturdays, when the said Registration books shall be kept open until 9 o'clock, P. M. That said Registration books will be open on the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1921, being the second Saturday before the election, at the regular polling place, for the inspection of the electors of the said Town of Roanoke Rapids; that the following named registrar and judges of the election will conduct the registration and election: W. S. Hookaday, Registrar, A. E. Akers and B. W. Harris, Judges of Election.

In order to be eligible to vote one must have been a resident of the State of North Carolina one (1) year, of the County of Halifax six (6) months, and of the Town of Roanoke Rapids four (4) months preceding such election. No new Registration of voters is ordered for said election, but persons who were not registered for the Town election two (2) years ago should register. Registration for State and County elections and for the school bond elections has nothing to do with this election. It is well for voters to see the registrar and be sure that their names are on the books.

A. L. Clark, Town Clerk.
 March 11th, A. D. 1921.

The Doctor's Bride
 By KATE EDMONDS
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"Yes, miss, that's the way to the village. So you're the new principal of the free school! I hope you'll like the place, miss, and stay with us a while; the last principal she founded the school—Miss Brown from Boston, you know—and she bided here for seven and twenty years until Doc Bentley sent her home to die. Couldn't do nothing for her, he said, and that's saying a heap, for we all thinks a good deal of Doc Bentley down this way.

"Doc Bentley, did you ask? Yes, he's been our doctor for nigh upon five years now. That's his house on the hill.

"Five years ago Doc Bentley was practicing in Nortonville, a hundred miles across the mountains yonder. Doc Bentley was considered the best doctor there, and he used to be thick with all the society folks in the place.

"But for all his big practice Bentley wasn't the man to sacrifice the poor to get a bigger fee.

"You see, miss, Doc Bentley was engaged to be married to Miss Edith Somers, the only daughter of old Jim Somers, who built the railroad from Claffin clear over those mountains. The day was set for their marriage at the Presbyterian church. And you'd have thought that he'd have let up a little on his practicing, with his wedding day a few hours off. But he didn't.

"The night before his marriage a call came over the long distance telephone from Carters, which lies 18 miles south from Nortonville, in the midst of the mountains. A negro man had been crushed by a wagon and he was the nearest doctor. Would he come at once?

"Doc Bentley dropped the telephone receiver and called to his man: 'Saddle my horse, Jim,' he said. 'I'm going to ride to Carters.' And, seeing that nothing he could say would stop him, Jim saddled the horse, and Doc Bentley reached Carters at midnight and saved a life.

"It had been downhill to Carter, but it was uphill going back, and 18 miles upon a tired horse may mean five hours, or twenty-four, when the mountain roads have become rushing streams, and especially when your horse falls and breaks his leg in two places. Doc Bentley rose up from the muddy ground, looked at the animal, and drew his revolver from his pocket to put it out of its pain. Then he reflected, 'If I can cure a man's broken leg I reckon I can cure a horse's,' he said to himself. So he pulled the beast into a thicket, and, two days later, he was back there with plaster of paris

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