

# POTTER PATTTER

By Eloise Potter

Several weeks ago a visitor came to our bird feeding station whom we could not identify. After looking at all the bird pictures in our books, we still could not give even a family name. Unable to endure the suspense any longer, I telephoned Gladys Baker. She identified the stranger as a tufted titmouse before I half finished my description.

The conversation soon left titmice and turned to books about birds. Miss Baker not only gave me some helpful advice but also generously offered to let me borrow some of her books to see if I wanted to purchase my own copies. Among them were *Birds of the South* by Charlotte Hilton Green, *Wonders of the Bird World* by Helen G. Cruickshank, and a field guide to birds by Allen D. Cruickshank.

The Cruickshanks, a husband and wife team of writers and photographers, were among the celebrities Miss Baker met at the Audubon Nature Camp in Maine last summer. Last week end Gladys attended the Carolina Bird Club meeting in Henderson, and as winner of their scholarship she participated in the program. Upon returning she telephoned me to give an enthusiastic report of the fine people who make up the CBC membership and of the interesting projects (including field trips) planned for the year ahead.

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One aim of the CBC is to interest young people in appreciating, enjoying and protecting wildlife. It is not enough for North Carolina wildlife to be defended by a hard core of professional conservationists, nature writers and photographers, amateur bird watchers, and nature-wise sportsmen. The state needs thousands of plain citizens who understand the importance of protecting animals in danger of extinction, maintaining habitats, observing game laws, and preventing wanton slaughter of birds that fight insect and rodent pests.

No wonder Gladys Baker felt at home among the CBCers! For years she has been teaching and preaching their message in the classroom and throughout her community.

In my opinion, the CBC could not have picked a better recipient for its scholarship. Where nature study is concerned, Miss Baker radiates enthusiasm. A friend of mine once said, "I can't think of anyone I'd rather have introduce my child to God's beautiful world than Gladys Baker." Thanks to a sassy little tufted titmouse, I know that gracious compliment is well deserved.

## Hocutt Outstanding Campbell Student

Mack Hocutt has been named one of the five outstanding students in the senior class at Campbell College.

Despite his handicap of being blind, Hocutt ranks as one of the top students scholastically at the college. He is also very active in extra curricular activities.

Upon his completion of Campbell, he will enroll in Westminster College, Westminster, N. J., where he will seek a degree in piano, organ and choral work.

Hocutt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Hocutt of Zebulon.

## Brother of Matron Receives Promotion

The brother of one of the town's prominent matrons has received an important promotion with one of the nation's largest firms.

Robert V. Davis, about 63, has been appointed assistant vice president with general supervision of benefits, insurance and other employee activities of the Atlanta division of Southern Bell-Telegraph and Telephone Co. This appointment goes into effect May 1.

Davis is the brother of Mrs. A. S. Hinton, who resides on East Horton Street. He is married to an Atlanta native and is the father of two daughters.

## Honored at Surprise Birthday Celebration

On March 9, Mrs. Will Upchurch, Jr. was given a surprise birthday dinner party. The hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Edison Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duke.

The scene of the festivities was the cabin at Duke's lake. The interior of the cabin was decorated with beautiful floral arrangements and on one of the walls was a huge streamer screaming "Happy Birthday, Mozelle."

Refreshments were barbecued chicken, slaw, potato salad, pickles, peaches topped with glacier-like mounds of whipped cream, and coffee.

Mrs. Upchurch was also presented a miniature pink and white iced birthday cake.

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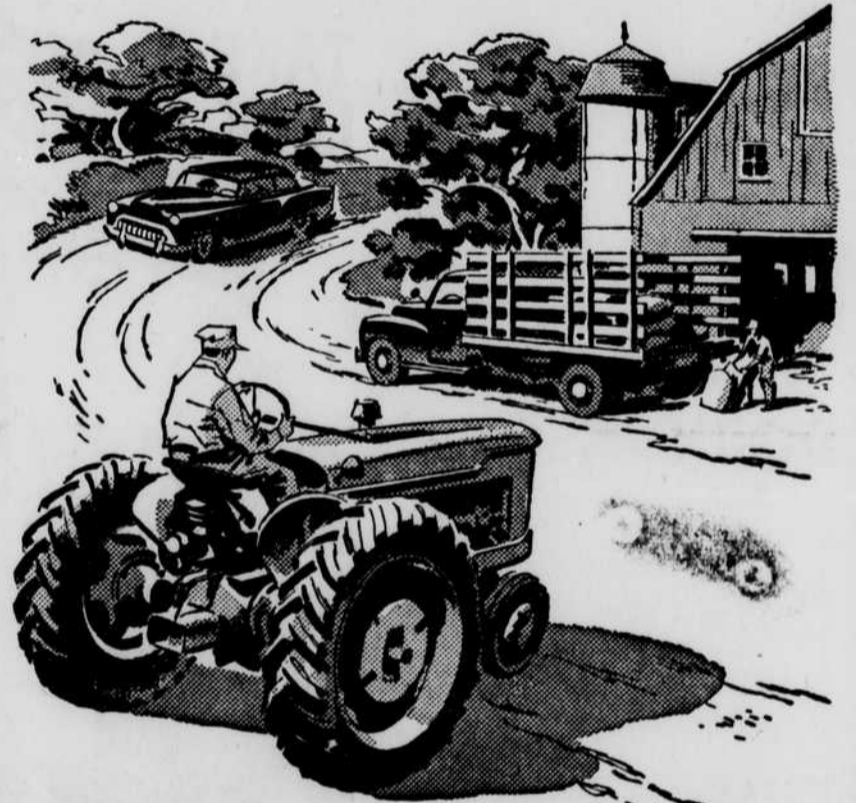
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