

George Parakeet

By Mrs. Elsie Turner
Camp Lejeune

George, a charming parakeet, with unworldly red eyes and six official endorsements from the Marine Corps.

"Budge" is a small, parrot-like bird and it's correct name is the Australian Shell Parakeet. Its original home is the wild plains of Australia and the name Budgerigar is derived from an Australian word "Belcherygah" meaning "beautiful bird."

Until recently these birds have been kept almost exclusively in pairs, but in order to become an affectionate pet and learn to talk, a budgie bird must be kept away from all other birds even its mate.

George is like all parakeets, he loves to look at himself in the mirror. Miss McCall says, "He flutters and poses and never seems to tire of his own reflection. He seems to enjoy looking through the window at the sparrows and chatters to them."

George is four inches high and will not grow larger. By the time he is a year old, his mistress hopes he will be able to say complete sentences. He is a mimic and loves to clown for the girls in the quarters. They all admit George is a little spoiled.

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kastner

How one holds a casting rod while retrieving a lure may not, at first glance, seem to matter much, but it's one of the most important things in fishing. It means the difference between utter confusion, lost fish, probably broken tackle—and having cool, complete control right from the strike.

The one absolutely wrong way to hold a casting rod is by the forward grip. Actually, the thing is there for no known purpose. Yes, it does seem a nice place to hold, to keep the rod in easy balance. Then when a big fish hits, the angler raises the rod to set the hook, frees to the reel handle and pulls. There isn't much else he can do.

All this because, holding the forward grip, with a fish pulling, he can't possibly get his left hand down to control the spool. (Remember, we're speaking only of fishing with a regular casting reel. The forward grip is all right in heavier fishing with a drag-handle reel.)

In order to have control of things in retrieving, hold the rod any way you please, just so your left thumb is ready to drop instantly onto the spool when a fish strikes. That means keep your hand away from the forward grip.

There are several methods of holding. Most veterans palm the reel, holding the tailplate cupped in the left hand—or semipalm, with the lower part of the palm against it but the upper part out a little way. For this, hold with three fingers directly below the reel seat, thumb and forefinger on the reel, with incoming line passing between them.

Holding this way has one slight disadvantage: When a big fish whams into the lure head on, the thumb must be flipped back a short distance onto the spool before you have control of him.

Jason Lucas has a solution for this problem. When using a levelwind reel, he holds the rod just the same way, but with his thumb against the rear of the top pillar, brushing the revolving spool line.

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A Hymn Is Born

BY CLINT BONNER

There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

A troubled poet prays for his soul

William Cowper suffered all of his 63 years. Due to a weak constitution, he suffered physically. Due to unrelenting melancholia, he suffered mentally. He believed that God had doomed his soul beyond redemption. This belief drove him to attempt at suicide and he was committed to insane asylums four times. He had studied law but could not plead even because of legal technicalities. Yes, when he had control of his faculties, William Cowper professed poetry that placed him among the foremost of England's literary giants.

The world can thank, among others, the Reverend John Newton... the one-time sailor and slave trader... for bringing out the best in Cowper. While Cowper was at the town of Olney, Newton gave the poet a hymn that has since become a classic.

For those by faith I see the stream
That flows from Jesus' side,
Whence healing has been my theme
And shall be till I die.

There is a fountain, sweetest song
I'll sing Thy love to see,
When life's fever, dipping, shimmering bright
Lies dead in the grass.

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Does the Family Live There?

ALL of us would rather have a home than a house if we had to choose. Whatever we live in—a separate house, a "flat" or "duplex," an apartment, a trailer, or what not—it can become a home.

Animals don't have homes; they have kennels, barns, stables. They can have very expensive stables too, as you can find around the Bluegrass country. But no one has ever succeeded in making a home for horses because horses have no family life, they are quite content if the roof doesn't leak and if there is enough to eat and a clean place to lie down in.

People have minds and hearts and souls, and they can know comradeship and unity such as are completely beyond the reach of even the most intelligent of animals. Living is much more than existing; and it takes a heap of living, not just existing, to make a home.

Who Runs the Place?
A HOUSE is a home if it is well run. This does not refer to paying the bills, keeping up the repairs, keeping down waste in the kitchen and so forth. A house is a home only if it is in charge of those who have the most wisdom and can best bear responsibility.

The Bible comes to us from a time and place in history very different from ours; so that we are not sure we take just any family in the Bible and use it as a model. Solomon had 700 wives and 300 minor wives or "concubines"; Abraham had at least three.

We have progressed (thanks to Christianity) past these things. But still the Bible does give us some indispensable guidance in this matter of the home. And one of the points you will find in both Old Testament and New is that the parents ought to have the place of authority in the home—that is, they are expected to run it.

Some families aren't run by any one; they are pure anarchies, continual rumpus and riot. Some families are run by the children, which means they are run by those with least sense and experience. "Honor thy Father and thy Mother" also means, "Father and Mother, be honorable."

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It is very warm for May, much more like the middle of a hot July. And it's too hot to work. I wish I were in Lake Tut—and it opens this week officially May 15—you ought to make that a must.

House or Home?

Lesson for May 14, 1932

NOBODY with pencil and paper can count the number of houses on a street. Counting the homes in something else. Nobody can sell you or build you a house, any kind you can pay for; but no one can sell you a home. A house is a house the minute it is finished. A home never is finished; it goes on being built year after year.

Edgar Guest said with a everybody knows: "It takes a heap of 'livin' to make a house a home." A house begins to be a home when two people move in who love each other; but it is much more of a home after the grandchildren start coming back for visits.

A house may be running down while a home is growing better and better. Besides, a home does not necessarily have to have a house.

Chancellor House

Chancellor House told the Committee for Education and Improvement in Duplin County that you must not only make a living but a life as well, and you ought to have fun doing whatever it is that you are doing. I have lots of fun working for The Duplin Times. I meet the most interesting people all over the place, no matter where the editor decides to send me. Last week at Carolina Beach, I met a really amazing gal, Mrs. Dolores Xaus, who has a platform for a woman's party in these United States—oh, brother, it's a platform on which I could stand myself. She is full of fun, and charming, and I enjoyed every minute I spent with her. And I saw two nice kids there, too, Helen Wells and her brother, Stonew, who were very hospitable. I talked with an old carnival man, Earl Dall, who has all kinds of concessions along the boardwalk, and who is as well read as any person I've met in a long time.

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