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Early Birders Set Record In Annual Christmas Bird Count

On the first day of Christmas, dedicated bird watchers rise at dawn to seek—not a partridge in a pear tree but perhaps a red-eyed vireo.

On the first day of New Year, red-eyed bird watchers rouse themselves from dreams to see, perchance, the blue-faced booby.

The birders, 15,000 strong, get up with the lark and 700 other species to take part in the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count throughout the United States and Canada.

Conducted from December 25 to January 2, the census indicates bird population trends and migration patterns. But the counters enjoy it primarily as sport—a mammoth tournament of bird spotting.

Surplus of Starlings

The volunteers are divided into teams; each take a circular area 15 miles across and records all the birds that can be seen in it between dawn and dusk, the National Geographic Society says.

One year, Washington, D.C., counters reported 200,000 starlings in a noisy, messy congregation downtown and a lone common loon over the Potomac River.

Counters endure all manner of hardships. Members of the birding team at Cape Kennedy, Florida, strap aluminum snake guards on their legs and wade through mosquito infested swamps to break their record for the most species—200—seen in one day.

A Connecticut birder picked his way across a slippery log anchored three inches below the surface of a frigid stream. He was rewarded with the sight of a pine grosbeak—and wet feet.

In Aklavik, deep in the Canadian north, two bird watchers spent five hours in 10-below-zero weather and saw just two species—the willow ptarmigan and the common raven. Nevermore, they said.

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Omar Bradley

Television showman Ralph Edwards recently devoted a "This Is Your Life" program to General of the Army Omar Bradley. While many deserving individuals have been featured over the years, Bradley is surely one of the more deserving.

A poor boy from Missouri who rose to general and never lost the common touch, who served as first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (two terms), as director of the Veterans Administration, he is now the only remaining five-star general. He was the commanding general of the largest American field force in Europe in World War II.

The tributes Bradley received from former Presidents Truman and Johnson, and President Nixon, make it abundantly clear the nation hasn't forgotten the G.I.'s general.



We wish you every blessing!
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Placid or Dangerous

In the National Geographic Society's book, "Song and Garden Birds of North America," the noted ornithologist Roger Tory Peterson describes the many species of bird watchers:

"Birding can be a placid or dangerous occupation for maiden aunts, a rough-and-tumble sport, or a hair-raising adventure. One of my more sedentary friends describes himself as the 'white-breasted nuthatch type of a bird watcher. On the other hand, consider the late Robert Porter Allen. Tough as nails, Bob pursued whooping cranes through almost impassable muskeg to their Alberta nesting grounds. When he returned to civilization, he had the look of a man who had visited hell."

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NIXON ON PENSIONS

President Nixon has proposed pension reforms which would allow all workers to claim tax deductions for contributions and some guarantees they could retain their retirement even if they lose or change jobs.

A Very Merry Christmas

To all our wonderful friends and patrons, we extend best wishes!

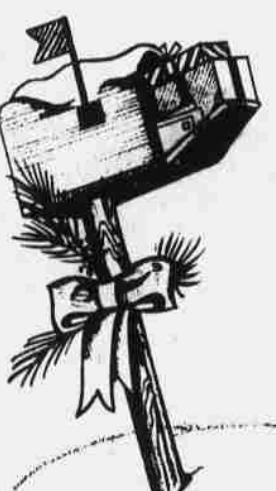
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