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## AUDUBON AND HUMMING BIRDS (Continued from page 2)

injuring its fragile texture, and produce a delightful murmuring sound well adapted for lulling insects to repose. Then is the moment for the humming bird to secure them. Its long, delicate bill enters the cup of the flower, and the protruded double-tubed tongue, delicately sensitive, and imbued with glutinous saliva, touches each insect in succession and draws it from its lurking place to be instantly swallowed. All this is done in a moment, and the bird, as it leaves the flower, sips so small a portion of the liquid honey, that the theft, we may suppose, is looked upon with a grateful feeling by the flower, which is thus kindly relieved from the attacks of her destroyers.

"The prairies, the fields, the orchards, and gardens, nay, the deepest shades of the forests, are all visited in their turn, and everywhere the little bird meets with pleasure and with food. Its gorgeous throat in beauty and brilliancy baffles all competition. Now it glows with a fiery hue, and again it is changed to the deepest velvety black. The upper parts of its delicate body are of resplendent changing green; and it throws itself through the air with a swiftness and vivacity hardly conceivable. It moves from one flower to another like a gleam of light, upwards, downwards, to the right, and to the left. In this manner it searches the extreme northern portions of our country, following with great precaution the advances of the season, and retreating with equal care at the approach of autumn."

Who has not seen and loved these tiny creatures? What a joy to watch them as they dart here and there! Speaking of the mating season of these little fellows, of their love for each other, and their young, Audubon says:

"How the male swells his plumage and throat, and, dancing on the wing, whirls around the delicate female; how quickly he dives toward a flower, and returns with a loaded bill, which he offers to her to whom alone he feels desirous of being united; how full of ecstasy he seems to be when his caresses are kindly received; how his little wings fan her, as they fan the flowers, as he transfers to her bill the insect and the honey which he has procured with a view to please her; how these attentions are received with apparent

satisfaction; how, soon after, the blissful compact is sealed; how, then, the courage and care of the male are redoubled. . . .

"Could you, kind reader, cast a momentary glance on the nest of the humming bird, and see, as I have seen, the newly-hatched pair of young, little larger than bumblebees, naked, blind, and so feeble as scarcely to be able to raise their little bills to receive food from the parents; and could you see those parents, full of anxiety and fear, passing and repassing within a few inches of your face, alighting on a twig not more than a yard from your body, awaiting the result of your unwelcome visit in a state of the utmost despair—you could not fail to be impressed with the deepest pangs which parental affection feels on the unexpected death of a cherished child. Then how pleasing it is, on your leaving the spot, to see the returning hope of the parents, when after examining the nest, they find their nurslings untouched."

### THE HONOR ROLL

For the first five-week period the following students were on the Honor Roll:

HIGH HONOR STUDENTS			
Name	Grade		Percent
Lillian Hayden	12th grade	- - -	92.5
Theresa Newnan	10th grade	- - -	90
Elizabeth Wynaco	6th grade	- - -	90
HONOR STUDENTS			
Aaron Sookum	12th grade	- - -	91
Minnie Partain	12th grade	- - -	90.5
Donald Brown	10th grade	- - -	90
Peter Paquette	10th grade	- - -	90
Veda La Jeunesse	10th grade	- - -	91
Wesley Larsen	10th grade	- - -	90
Ellen Orr	9th grade	- - -	90
Alice Backman	8th grade	- - -	90
Eunice Buck	8th grade	- - -	90
Elizabeth Kirn	6th grade	- - -	91

HIGH HONOR Students are those whose general average is not less than 90 and who have no grade in any subject less than 90, including department and conduct in all departments, in the class room, shop, dormitories, or on the campus.

HONOR Students include all students whose general average is not less than 85, including department and conduct in all departments, in the class room, shop, dormitories, or on the campus..

### ESCORTS

Sunday, Nov. 3—McBride	- - -	Mrs. Coddling Mr. Paul Carrow
Winona	- - -	Mr. Ratzburg Miss Peterson
Hawley	- - -	Mrs. Mote Mr. Berry