

New York Song Birds Now Keep Jazz Hours

"In New York even the birds are so sophisticated," remarked a visitor from out of town, according to the New York Times. "If any one lives here long enough he becomes stamped, as it were, with the character of the city."

"In the hotel where I am stopping one of the dining rooms has a variety of song birds. It is a pretty idea, but see how it works in New York. Up my way the birds are the first awake in the morning. The poets have had a lot to say about the habit and a moral lesson has been drawn, something about getting the first worm."

"Now, in my hotel, one of the largest and most fashionable in town, the birds sing all night. The music sets the pace. All evening and late into the night you hear their voices. The music and the crowd are there until the small hours of the morning, and sometimes till nearly daylight, and the birds accommodate. When the music stops and the crowd leaves the birds get to sleep."

"The dining room is not used until about three in the afternoon and the birds sleep undisturbed. But at the first note of the jazz orchestra they all begin to pipe up. In other words, the early bird has been corrupted in New York so that it sleeps every day till late afternoon. What kind of a worm does he expect to get at that hour?"

Coal Curiosities

A block of coal intact, weighing five and one-half tons, nine feet high and four feet square, was shipped from Eckhart, Md., to Baltimore, whence it goes to Milan, Italy, to be displayed at an industrial exposition. Cutting the coal represented seven days' work by four men. It was crated with loose coal dumped around the sides.

The Chinese lily bulb gayly blossomed in the window of a coal office. But it was not resting its bulbous roots on a few pebbles, in the manner of most Chinese lilies. Instead, it sprang from a bed of coals—small bits of pea coal. And it was flourishing as smilingly as if it had clean white stones beneath it.

A coal mine planted in soil where there has never been coal before will be one of the many wonders of the British Empire exhibition to be held near London this summer. This attraction alone will cost half a million dollars.

Saving Bird Lives

By equipping a lighthouse with perches, the British Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has reduced the destruction of birds confused by the light from nearly a thousand a night to less than that number a sea son.

Proper Brewing of Tea Told by Chinese Poet

High tea would have been deemed an abomination by the Chinese poet Lu Wuh, who held that no food should be taken in conjunction with the most delicious of all beverages. Lu Wuh maintained that only three ingredients are necessary for its decoction—tea, water and salt—but each should be selected with care.

"The leaves of the tea plant must have creases like the leathern boot of a Tartar horseman, must curl like the dewlap of a mighty bullock; must unfold like the mist rising out of a ravine, must gleam like a lake touched by a zephyr; and be wet and soft like fine earth newly swept by rain." According to this authority a mountain spring furnished the best water for tea making, with river water and ordinary spring water next in order of excellence.

"There are three stages of boiling," Lu Wuh goes on to say. "The first boil is when the little bubbles like the eye of fishes swim on the surface. The second boil is when the bubbles are like crystal beads rolling in a fountain. The third boil is when the billows surge wildly in the kettle."

Salt is put in the first boil, tea in the second boil; at the third a dipperful of cold water is poured into the kettle to settle the tea and revive "the youth of the water," after which the decoction is poured into cups and drunk.—Manchester Guardian.

Paine Helped Create and Named the U. S. A.

To the average American Thomas Paine is known merely as an "infidel." He has been told that Paine wrote a book entitled "Age of Reason" that assailed orthodox Christianity. He may not know that two decades before the "Age of Reason" Paine, a native of England, wrote a pamphlet that started the American colonists really to think of separating themselves from England and joining themselves together as a new nation, says the Detroit News. When the revolution first started it was only a revolt against oppressive measures of taxation and unjust political discrimination. Even Washington as late as May, 1775, declared himself against separation.

Then, early in January, 1776, Paine published "Common Sense," in which he not merely proposed an independent nation to the dissatisfied colonists, but raised the rebellion to the higher plane of a war for liberty. Washington was converted immediately. Paine declined to accept any profit from the work for himself, but gave all the financial proceeds to the patriot cause. It was in "Common Sense" that the present name of the nation, "the United States of America," first appeared.

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Not Excited by Blood

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 & 303 ORIGINAL ESTIMATE AND ACCOUNTING SHEET

This original estimate is made in compliance with section 231-A of the school laws of 1921 and shows in parallel columns the unit costs of the several services, material and supplies for the three fiscal years next preceding the current year, the detail expenditures for the last one of said three preceding fiscal years and the budget allowances and expenditures for six months of the current year, ("Six months of the current year" means six months of the last school year.)

ITEM	Estimated expenditures for ensuing school year	Expenditures and budget allowance for six months of last school year		Expenditures for three fiscal years next preceding the last school year		
		Expenditures in detail	Budget allowance in detail	Detailed expenditures for the last year of the 3-year period	Second year Give yearly totals	First year Give yearly totals
Personal Service						
1. Principals.....	\$1,170.00	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$1,170.00		
2. Teachers.....	900.00	540.00	540.00	900.00		
	810.00	540.00	540.00	900.00		
	810.00	540.00	540.00	900.00		
3. Janitors.....	450.00	300.00	300.00	450.00		
4. Clerk.....	25.00	16.67	16.67	25.00		
Total—Personal Services.....	\$4,165.00	\$2,716.67	\$2,716.67	\$4,345.00	\$4,399.00	\$4,400.00
Material and Supplies						
1. Furniture, (desks, etc.).....	\$50.00					
2. Supplies, (chalk, etc.).....	75.00	\$71.26	\$71.26	\$20.00		
3. Janitor's supplies.....	35.00	22.56	23.56	22.80		
4. Fuel.....	60.00	93.33	93.32	130.00		
5. Postage and stationery.....	15.00	9.31	9.32	9.50		
Total—Materials and Supplies.....	\$285.00	\$197.46	\$197.46	\$182.00	\$276.45	\$732.00
Maintenance and Repairs						
.....Buildings and grounds.....	\$600.00	\$51.46	51.64			
Total—Buildings and grounds.....	6600.00	\$51.46	51.46	\$584.64	\$25.00	
Indebtedness						
.. Bonded and Interest thereon.....	\$2,230.00	\$1,466.00	\$1,466.00			
Total—Indebtedness.....	\$2,230.00	\$1,466.00	\$1,466.00	\$2,800.00		
Insurance						
.....	\$9.00	\$46.00	\$46.00			
Total—Insurance.....	9.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$12.000	\$12.00	\$72.00
Emergency						
.....	\$500.00	\$166.67	\$166.67			
Total—Emergency.....	\$500.00	166.67	\$166.69			
Grand Total.....	\$7,739.00	\$4,643.26	\$7,423.94	\$7,423.94	\$4,712.45	\$5,204.00

I, NATHAN E. MANOCK, do hereby certify that the above estimate of expenditures for the year 1924-1925 was prepared by me and that the expenditures and budget allowance for six months of the current year and the expenditures for the three fiscal years next preceding the current year as shown above have been compiled from the records in my charge and are true and correct copies thereof.

NATHAN E. MANOCK, District Clerk.

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