

# Diary of a Bird Watcher



**Sunday, Nov. 23**  
This being Thanksgiving Sunday I give thanks for birds. In recent times I have come to realize more than ever how many people there are who are thankful for birds. People call me up and tell me what a pleasure they have from watching the birds around their own homes. I think nearly all people, both children and adults, are fascinated by the wild creatures that live on the earth along with us somewhat more domesticated human beings. Birds exert a special fascination because of their pretty song and plumage and because of their ability to fly.

I thanked God for birds today but it was a rather busy day and I didn't have much time to look at them except when I went out to throw some chick scratch on the ground and they came down to feed.

**Monday, Nov. 24**  
We had an exceptionally fine Monday morning trip today. The list of birds seen was not as long as last week's but it had some unusual and interesting ones on it.

First of all, I want to say that we found the mockingbird which we heard about last week. It was at Sams Valley, a half mile or so beyond the school house. This is right where it had been reported to be a week or so before, so it has evidently established a territory there. This is further indicated by the fact that we saw it chasing a blackbird away. We looked in vain for a mate and are afraid there is just this single bird, so there isn't much hope of an increase in the species in our area. Nevertheless it was a thrill even to see the one bird and we want to give a great big "thank-you" to Barney Kellogg for spotting it and reporting it. I had seen so many in California during the summer that it was very easy to identify it. J. H. had known them in Texas.

Another interesting thing about our trip was that we saw four different kinds of grebes. We saw pied billed and eared grebes on two or three different ponds and then on the Rogue river we saw one western and one red-necked near together. These are both handsomer and rarer varieties in our valley.

From my point of view, the best find of all on the trip would have been the rough-legged hawk that we saw if only I had obtained a better view of it. J. H. has made quite a study of hawks and has successfully identified this species before in the Klamath Basin, so when he said it was that I believed him, but I don't like to add a completely new bird to my list unless I get a better view of its markings than I did of this. To see and know this hawk will continue to be one of the biggest ambitions of my birding life.

Later the same day I activated my second suet feeder. These suet feeders are just wire baskets into which you cram the suet. I also use some suet cakes with bird seed mixed in them.

**Wednesday, Nov. 26**  
Today about 1 o'clock we started for Portland to visit our son's grandmother, according to a time-honored Thanksgiving tradition. We traveled underneath the fog most of the way to Eugene, but from there on the skies were clear. As the daylight faded to an orange glow in the west we watched a big, round orange moon come up over the hills to the east. We were in the moonlight the rest of the way to the Willamette View Manor.

**Thursday, Nov. 27**  
This was a sparkling day in Portland. The east wind was rather biting, especially early in the morning, but the sunshine was brilliant. Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens stood up in glorious whiteness. We went to church and thanked God for this and much more. We enjoyed the traditional dinner, too.

In the afternoon I was going to visit some of my favorite ponds or other birding spots, but instead I took a notion to take my boy to the new Portland zoo. When I got there I found it was still under construction but the museum of science and industry was very much open. So we went in there and spent a very interesting hour and a half. There buttons and have something light up. There are some interesting natural history exhibits including birds, rocks and mushrooms. We saw the "plastic lady" and heard the lecture accompanying her, but just missed the last lecture in the planetarium.

When we came out the sun had set. The few filmy clouds were a light pink and the rest of the sky a pale blue. It had been a beautiful day.—T.M.

## City Asked To Rent Space In County Jail

Portland—UPI—The Multnomah county grand jury has recommended that the city of Portland consider renting unused space in the county courthouse jail to alleviate crowded conditions in the city jail.

Young birds often need a daily food intake equal to or exceeding their body weight.

The November grand jury said it might be the temporary solution to the crowded conditions of the trustees' room at the city jail.



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# Domiciliary at Camp White Has Smooth System of Operations

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles by Sid Hollingsworth, the Mail Tribune's correspondent at Camp White, discussing the Veterans administration Domiciliary since its establishment 10 years ago. The articles will discuss the progress being made in adapting veteran Domiciliary members to their new home and applying the administrative and medical benefits which have been developed.)

**By SID HOLLINGSWORTH**  
Camp White—After weathering the many storms of its baptismal period, the VA Domiciliary at Camp White has reached port with a smoothly running system of operations.

During the past year, efforts were directed toward working out plans which had been devised for adapting the various types of men eligible to be admitted under Veterans administration conditions.

Changes in management, in medical supervision and in the schedule of activities, arranged by the planning board, have been effected. The results of indoctrination and evaluation of the program

benefits are now beginning to materialize.

**First 10 Years**  
The first 10 years, proverbially, have been the hardest, for in this early period Camp White had to change over from a military reservation to a part of the elaborate system of hospitals and homes maintained for disabled war veterans throughout the nation.

This period was marked by extensive building work and by the efforts made to establish the Domiciliary in the community of southern Oregon.

The Domiciliary recently celebrated its new approach with an open house and visitors came to see what this special type of VA installation looks like.

**Large Number**  
It has been "open house" for the veterans themselves, for many who were on the waiting list have been admitted. There are 965 on the rolls at the present time with about 1,025 beds available. This is the largest number of admissions since July 1.

Under the present system of operating efficiency, little difficulty will be encountered in handling the extra load.

This is how the program works:

Upon being admitted, the men are received at the infirmary for a physical check-up and, after a waiting period, appear before the planning board, where they are advised regarding the facilities available for members as well as their duties.

**Medical, social service, special services and Domiciliary personnel conduct this interview.** Among these is the activity assignment leader, who has a classified list of detail assignments, which the men who are physically able are expected to fill. At present, about 65 per cent of the membership has an assigned detail.

About 300 fill brief assignments doing janitorial service in the various buildings, quarters, offices and shops. Those with special qualifications fill jobs in engineering, special services and other departments. Some become messengers, trainees for member employment, or the nominal post of fire guard, depending upon their fitness or disability.

There are now 150 men on the payroll. A special military guard of 20 is maintained for ceremonies of various kinds, notably funerals. Another special detail operates in arts and crafts, repairing furniture. The number fluctuates and includes a few leg amputees, strong enough in their arms to do this manual work.

**Activity Leader**  
W. J. Woods is the activity leader. He is assisted by George Camden, William Harris, Howard Harman and four trainees. This is a strenuous assignment and calls for tact and finesse in the allocation of men capable and equal to the various detail requirements.

There was much grumbling at one time about the work load. Today there is little friction and quite a few whistle and sing as they work.

Past experience and preferences are taken into account along with the needs and the disability handicap. When the weather is favorable an agricultural crew is kept busy and in the past this has been a popular detail. At present a skeleton crew of about 20, polices the grounds.

**Employed in Canteen**  
Men with suitable qualifications may be employed in the canteen. There are 10 who work on shifts in the coffee shop. The most recent report shows 38 trainees who are available for pay jobs. About 60 men have miscellaneous assignments throughout the station. There are 63 fire guards, the lightest detail. Those who have to "take it easy" have special details for Saturday and Sunday.

All activities clear through the offices of the section leaders. The entire mechanism turns on the morale maintained in the three sections. Sections 1 and 2 are the working sections. The men are either paid employees or on special details in conducting various functions and activities.

Arthur Hamilton is in charge of Section 1, and Edwin McEvers has section 2.

Then there is the new section A, where special attention is needed. R. W. Deshazer is the leader. He has 45 attendants assisting the more disabled men, who in many instances can do no more than handle their personal needs. This section also houses the 50 wheel chair members, and a few convalescents.

**Specialty Qualified**  
There are 354 men in section A with a bed capacity of 392. Not more than 10 are able to do regular work. A number of the wheel chair men are specially qualified as

telephone operators or in hand skills where they can remain seated.

Almost every type of craftsman or specialist clears through Camp White to fill such needs as tailoring, watch repairing, art, journalism, music, electrical or other engineering work. The result is that the Domiciliary has become a self-sustaining city in itself. It is busy all the time.

There is always time, however, for recreation and an elaborate program is provided by special services, with television, movies and stage entertainment offered by outside groups and the service organization as part of the VAVS team. Regular hours and days are set apart also for religious observances, under Protestant and Catholic chaplains.

The literary IQ at Camp White has always been above average and the product has been recognized consistently in many quarters. To foster this zeal for expression a readers and writers club was formed by the librarian, Enid

## Grand Jury Indicts Two For \$700 Theft

Portland—UPI—Phyllis Torchy Jessing, 24, and Dorothy Mildred Rogalski, 38, both of Portland, have been indicted by the Multnomah county grand jury.

They were indicted on a larceny by bailee charge originally filed in district court on a private citizen's complaint.

The charge involves taking of \$700 in fishing gear and other property from the trunk of an automobile.

## FIRST SOVIET HORSES

Laurel, Md.—UPI—Russia's double entry of Garmir and Zaryad in the 1958 Washington, D.C., International became the first Soviet horses ever to race on an American track.

## DO-IT-YOURSELF

New York—UPI—Charles (Old Hoss) Radbourne, famous "iron man" pitcher of the pre-1900's, hit a home run in the 18th inning on Aug. 17, 1882, to win a 1-0 decision.



**GUIDE DOGS**—Members of the Siskiyou Guide Dog 4-H club attracted a lot of attention last week when they brought their animals into downtown Medford to familiarize the dogs with traffic, strange people and elevators and stairways. The club is the only one of its kind in the state of Oregon and has been functioning for about a year. Members keep the dogs in their homes for a period of nine months before sending them to the San Rafael Blind Dog

school, where they undergo further training, according to club leader, Warren J. Roderick, Ashland. The last month of dogs' schooling is done with the blind person that is to receive the animal. Pictured above as they cross an intersection with their dogs are, left to right, Nyla Murray, Medford; Lee Jackson, Phoenix; Sharon Roderick, Ashland and Mrs. Howard Glasscock, Medford.



**USE STAIRS**—Denny Reeder and Janice DeBoer, above, of the Siskiyou Guide Dog 4-H club, lead their dogs down the stairs of a Medford store during a special training session for the animals last week. A total of 16 dogs are now being trained by the group at the present time. The youngsters receive no pay for feeding and training the dogs, but do receive 4-H credit. The San Rafael Blind Dog school has 10,020 eligible blind persons waiting for dogs but this year will turn out only 112. The dogs are valued at \$1,700 after training and are given to the blind persons free of charge. There will be five dogs leaving here for the San Rafael school Monday and three new ones will come in, club leader W. J. Roderick said.



**ENDING MARRIAGE** of 22 years, Lily Pons, noted coloratura soprano, obtains divorce in Juarez, Mexico, from Andre Kostelanetz, orchestra conductor, charging incompatibility. Picture of couple with dogs was made in 1950.

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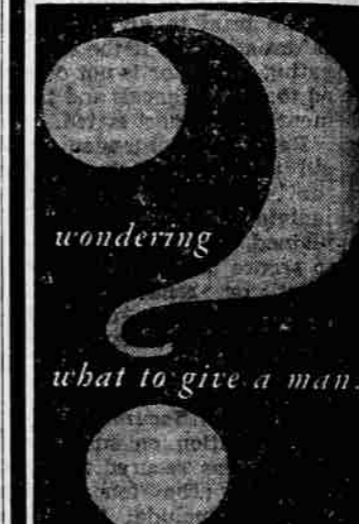
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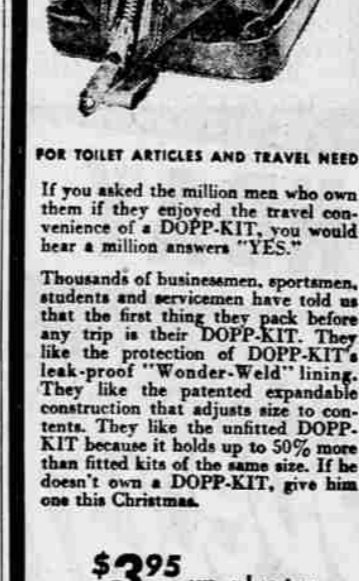


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