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VISITING THE BOSS — "Tweedy" sometimes checks in at the principal's office to see how things are shaping up. Most of the visits are unexpected and some, untimely, and Principal Jack Kemnitz feels if he enrolled the bird he'd be better off in the long run. These office visits can be a little tense since "Tweedy" isn't adequately housebroken.

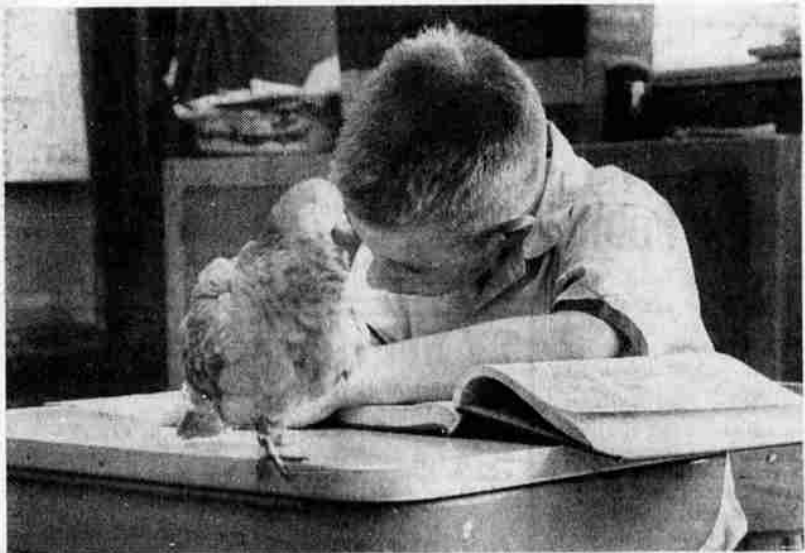


HEAD OF THE CLASS — "Tweedy" knows who its master is and sometimes will take this almost protective stance as if to proudly say, "This is Bradford Dorscher my master, and he's tops." This is only one of the unusual ways the pigeon exhibits comradeship. Sometimes it will just flutter above Bradford's head on the trip home from school and other times it will perch on Bradford's shoulder and get a free ride home.



SOME CLOSE ATTENTION — Bradford and classmate Roxanne Morrison give "Tweedy" the kind of close attention that would spoil any child-loving bird, but "Tweedy" just loves it and will sometimes show appreciation by flying in circles over the children's heads or gingerly perching on a shoulder or head.

'Tweedy,' Devoted Pigeon, Follows Young Master To School



CHECKING HIS ANSWERS — "Tweedy" takes a little time to see how fifth grader, Reid Olson, is making out with his geography. The bird will ruffle its feathers if it sees Reid making a mistake or it will quietly preen and coo if the boy is on the beam.

Bird Attends Third Grade Classes At Pelican School

The American Education system is "for the birds." Or that's what "Tweedy Bird" thought, anyway, the first day it followed its master, Bradford Dorscher, to the third grade at Pelican School.

Bradford, 9, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Dorscher, 703 Hemlock Avenue, bought "Tweedy" the pigeon from a classmate while the bird was still young. The whole transaction, the Herald and News was able to learn, from unimpeachable sources, involved 25 cents, and probably some miscellaneous possessions such as a rubber band, an acorn and maybe some trading stamps.

"Tweedy" has become well accustomed to home life with the Dorschers, their five children and pet dogs and when it's not around the house or at school,

the bird is usually visiting some of the neighbors looking for a free hand out.

The bird, we are told, is an incessant television addict and although it hasn't shown any preference for any particular shows, he does raise quite a fuss when the set is turned off. It has been terribly hard to explain to "Tweedy" that most of the networks go off the air at midnight.

Bradford usually gives his bird a free rein to go and come as it pleases and "Tweedy," a homing pigeon, seldom is truant.

After that first session at school the bird apparently felt a little "book learnin'" was just what he needed because he's been a regular attendee ever since.

"Tweedy" doesn't talk things over with Bradford though, and it's our opinion that he probably isn't at all happy with the way humans have running things.

Now that "Tweedy" has taken a "bird's eye view" of history, politics and American Problems he probably feels that ignorance was bliss.

When the pigeon really gets tired of classroom activity he wings it over to the playground and watches the youngsters at their rough and tumble best. "Tweedy" sometimes joins in on the cavorting and a d d s some acrobatic tricks of his own.

Whether "Tweedy" will ever learn enough to get a scholarship is in question, and if by chance he did who would ever judge his "need?"



A SHOW AT RECESS — Fifth graders Phyllis Baugh, left, and Marilyn Derrah gaze intently at "Tweedy's" act during recess as the bird struts and preens on the desk. "Tweedy" likes a lot of attention and sometimes will go to great extremes to show off a little. Sometimes the entertainment is in order while at other times it's quite disruptive, as the teachers will attest.



STRANGE NOISEMAKER—The telephone in the principal's office is an object of great curiosity to "Tweedy" and when the phone rings the bird will sometimes hop over to the receiver as if to pick it up. Another object of fascination is the electric typewriter. The bird enjoys getting on the carriage and riding back and forth as the secretary types out the day's correspondence.



HERE COMES TWEEDY — "Tweedy" arrives at Pelican School in the morning and perches on the window sill outside a classroom to listen to the lecture before coming in to absorb some knowledge. If the bird gets bored with the topic it's simple to buzz over to the next classroom to see what's going on there. The flight from the Dorscher home is just about a quarter mile, an easy hop for a pigeon.



TIME TO GO HOME — When the instruction has been exceptionally good "Tweedy" might stay at school the entire day and wait to go home with Bradford. The bird, however, usually gets a little tired of student life and wings it home alone to see if anything uplifting is on television. Here, the bird waited for Bradford to finish classes and is about to fly home with its master.