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BIRD LIFE OF LONG ISLAND

Strange as it may seem, but nevertheless a fact, Long Island has a larger representation of bird life than any given area north of the tropics. Observation and surveys conducted by recognized ornithologists have brought to light the fact that throughout the year over 300 different species of feathered life can be observed at various locations - an enviable reputation enjoyed by few sections of the United States.

The summer bird population might be conservatively estimated at about 200 species while that of the winter averages about 100. The reason for the general abundance of birds on Long Island might well be ascribed to the ideal climatic conditions which serve as a valuable means of inducing even the most timid species to remain throughout the coldest parts of the winter whereas they might ordinarily be inclined to migrate southward.

The families of birds frequenting Long Island are about equally divided. The sparrows, however, stand out with the largest representation having ten subspecies making their homes on the Island the largest part of the year.

There are also numerous species of insectivorous birds such as the Warblers, the swallows, fly catchers, thrushes and black birds in addition to about ten species of ducks, most of which are migratory, found on the Island at various periods throughout the year. The black duck is probably the most abundant of the duck family.

Herring gulls frequent the coasts of the Island the largest part of the year and it may well be stated that these feathered creatures are rendering a valuable service to mankind in maintaining the beaches free from refuse.

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LEGEND OF LAKE RONKONKOMA

Lake Ronkonkoma is the largest body of fresh water on Long Island, and has an elevation of 55 feet above sea level. Lake Ronkonkoma, so named by the Indians because of its glittering white sand, has for many years been more or less of a mystery. All sorts of marvelous qualities have been imputed to the body of water, for it had bid defiance to and disregarded all the traits of character that ordinarily belong to lakes. It is independent of local rainfall, and rises steadily while the farmer's corn may be dying from drought and the leaves may wither on the trees. At other times when rain soaks the ground it will sink to its lowest level. It has no visible source of supply and no known outlet.

To the Indian and to the early white settlers who tried to measure its depths with a plumb line the lake was bottomless. The original Indian explanation of this was that a young chief became infatuated with an Indian maiden who spurned his love. He forthwith went out in his canoe to the very center of the lake and made a mighty dive. Although his body did not appear in Ronkonkoma, it was found a few days later in Great South Bay. The tribal mind was thus relieved of further inquiry concerning the lack of surface outlet.

Recent investigations, however, have shown that the lake has a uniform depth of about 15 feet except in a spot near the center, where a depth of 62 feet has been recorded. This particular spot was found to be the source of supply for the lake, and fresh water comes pouring in at a rapid rate. It was also found that the maximum rise was seven feet, usually following a period of heavy rains in Vermont and New Hampshire.

This interesting place is in almost the geographical center of the island.

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Several other interesting species of large water fowl also make their homes on Long Island, chief among these being little green heron and the night heron. Along the water front and among the tall marsh grasses these interesting species of feathered life are found in fair numbers.

Robins are without question the most common of the more interesting species of song birds found on Long Island and there is hardly a square mile where these birds cannot be found during the entire year. While primarily identified as a migrant of recent years, robins have been remaining on Long Island through even the coldest months.

Five species of hawks frequent Long Island and with the exception of one, namely the cooper's hawks, have proven themselves of economic importance in destroying small rodents. Owls are also fairly numerous at various points and are likewise considered of importance from an economic viewpoint because of their fondness for rodents.

Southern like climatic conditions prevailing particularly at the east end of the Island has served as an inducement for species of song birds listed among the migratory group to remain a good part of the year.

Game birds while not generally abundant are fairly well represented. Through the efforts of the State Conservation Commission there is a fair supply of pheasant. Quail or Bob White are found primarily in the neighborhood of hunting preserves and it might be stated that the future abundance of these feathered creatures will be largely dependent upon what action is taken in the next few years to afford them legal protection throughout the year.

Ducks serve as the most important members of the game bird family and residents from all sections of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, and even points as far as Westchester County, journey to the Island for duck shooting every fall and winter.

Few roughed grouse are found on Long Island but Wilson or Jack snipe, yellow-legs, golden and black breasted plover are fairly abundant during the gunning seasons. The latter two species are now protected by law.

By Edwin A. Osborne.

A LITTLE ACORN

In view of the fact that enough talent resides in Shoreham to produce a sort of semi-professional dramatic performance, may I offer a suggestion?

Why not organize your own summer Stock Company? Plan, rehearse and present plays both old and new in a short summer season.

The old barn next the Kuchler place, belonging to the Suffolk County Land Co., with very little alteration would become an ideal Playhouse. Even if nothing but lighting, a stage and improved ventilation were added it would have some of the finest atmosphere now existant in summer Theatres of the more elaborate Summer Colonies, cobwebs included.

Garden Parties and Cocktail Parties are old stuff!, Try something new!

With the advent of a Summer Theatre in Shoreham, your neighbors from the North as well as the South shore Colonies would find an added charm in your village.

The Garden Club deserves much praise for its work in and around Shoreham. One who has been away for a couple of years appreciates the improvements in individual grounds as well as on the Greens. The improved Country Club is a delight to the eye, BUT the Country Club does not offer common ground and freedom that a Playhouse should and would dispense. Lovers of the Theatre would feel more welcome in the Playhouse than in the Country Club.

Shoreham has played the Sleeping Beauty long enough, I think. How about a little more activity along a little different line? An exhibit of Paintings by Long Island Artists, by local Artists. Exhibit Sculpture and Hand Craft.

Excluding the distinguished residents of Shoreham who have already established themselves within the charmed circle of Celebrities, has any other Shorehamite been guilty of writing an original poem?, novel?, Play? or painting a portrait? Why not? It's good for you!

Lets hear from you about having some real Theatre in Shoreham.

The editor has been kind enough to let me use this space for my speech because I could not find a soap box around the Store. I feel sure that by the same token the editor will find a space for your answer.

From little acorns great oaks sometimes grow.

C. F. Haesloop.

ALLOW ME TO SAY

Brain Children Thrashed In Hollywood

By Chas. Hanson Towne

I don't know whether I've told the story before, but it's typical of the great, glamorous world of Hollywood.

Years ago, when the industry was still in its infancy, as the excuse was invariably made, Channing Pollock sold the picture rights of one of his stories; and when the screen version was released he stepped into a palace to see it. To his amazement, the title had been altered, and the scenes, originally laid in New York, were transferred to Honolulu, or Madagascar - I forget which. The heroine had become a lively society leader, whereas he had portrayed her as a charming country girl givon to simple pleasures of the spirit. The hero was a grandiose banker, changed thus from a healthy cowboy wandering, temporarily, far from his native province. Other tamperings with the first version had been made, so that Mr. Pollock, in disgust, left the theatre. As he was hurrying through the lobby, the manager of the house happened to see him, and hastened after him.

"Why, Mr. Pollock, don't you like your picture?"

The author turned on him with crinkling brows. "My picture? Why, sir, there isn't a single bit of it in there that's mine."

The manager listened, not greatly agitated or concerned. When there was a pause he inquired, "But, Mr. Pollock, didn't you like the way your name was played up in letters ten feet tall?"

"My name played up? I never saw it. But perhaps I winked just then." And he dashed away.

In Belle Terre, for the last three years, an ordinance requiring the licensing of cats has been in force. This year it will be revived and enforced with renewed effort. The ordinance, No. 23, regulates the keeping of cats within the village, imposes license taxes and provides for the humane killing of unlicensed cats at large. The law has proved most successful.

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The Shoreham Garden Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, July 30 at 8 P.M. at the Country Club. The speaker will be Dr. Mary K. Peters, of the State Institute of Agriculture at Farmingdale, L. I. Dr. Peters' topic will be "Berry-bearing Shrubs", illustrated by lantern slides. Members are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to hear an authority on horticulture. Dr. Peters' delightful talk on "Wild Flowers" last summer aroused so much interest that she is returning to Shoreham by special request.

BELLE TERRE

The aim of the Belle Terre Garden Club for this year is to landscape the Pergolas at the cliff edge overlooking the sound. The club plans to landscape the Pergolas as beautifully as possible and yet as simply as possible so that the native planting to be used will call for little attention and will be able to withstand the storms and severe weather.

At present bids are being submitted by the different nurseries for the landscaping of the site with native planting.

The meeting to be held on July 29 has been called off due to the fact that Mr. William Vogt is unable to come. Mr. Vogt curator of the Jones Beach State Bird Sanctuary, was to give an illustrated talk on "Our Song Birds".

There will be a card party on the morning of August 6th at 11 o'clock with luncheon at 1:30. The party is for the benefit of the landscaping of the Pergolas, and will be held at the Golf and Country Club of Belle Terre.

THE DISTURBER

"Now, children," said the teacher,
"I want you to be perfectly still, so
still that you can hear a pin drop."

For a moment silence reigned supreme;
then a small urchin exclaimed,
"Let 'er drop!"

One party left the Belknaps' Saturday feeling so good he left his hat. Who owns it?

SONG HITS OF THE WEEK

Song hits played most often on the air:

Song	Times
Little Gypsy Tea Room	30
Paris in Spring	27
Chasing Shadows	24
East of The Sun	21
And Then Some	18
Lady in Red	16
In the Middle of a Kiss	14
Every Little Moment	11
What's the Reason	10

Following are a few of the hit tunes requested from the maestros:

Gus Haenschen: Love and a Dime, the song composed by a Princeton student not yet out of school, And Then Some, East of the Sun.

Richard Humber: Little Gypsy Tea Room, Paris in Spring, In the Middle of a Kiss.

Guy Lombardo: Lady in Red, Chasing Shadows, Love and a Dime.

"News at last!" cried our editor when he smelled smoke suspiciously redolent of forest fires. Pencil and paper in hand he made for the door only to stumble upon father burning brush.

'Tis ever thus.

CARS DE LUXE

Officer Woodfield paid \$35 for his Chevrolet, "The Cricket".

J. E. Hughes paid \$20 for "Sir Galahad"

Mrs. Nulty paid \$15 for that Oakland.

V.J. Sherman wins. He paid \$10 for his Office at the Golf and Country Club.

ANGEL CAKE

10 whites of eggs beaten stiff

Add

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup granulated sugar

2 teas. vanilla

pinch salt

Sift 4 or 5 times

1 cup flour

1 cup granulated sugar

1 (level) teas. cream of tartar

Bake in a slow oven about one hour - in a tube pan.

Do not butter tin.

Oven 275 - after 15 minutes 350.

All ingredients sifted before measuring.

Harriet B. Belknap

SHOREHAM COUNTRY CLUB

The new stage with footlights and a beautiful full sized velvet curtain are in readiness at the Shoreham Country Club for all further dramatic ventures. These splendid additions to the club were generously provided at the instigation of the chairman of the entertainment committee, Mrs. T. K. Elliott and are the result of her untiring efforts.

Saturday evening, July 27 - PLAYS
Benefit of Garden Club

Sunday evening, July 28 - SONG SERVICE
Conducted by Mr. F. W. Finn

Wednesday evening, July 30 - MIDWEEK
DANCE. A Shipwreck masquerade is planned for this evening. Miss Janet Waters is hostess.

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TUE. 30 Paul Lucas, Madge Evans, May
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SHOREHAM ITEMS

by Ann S. Waters

Mr. and Mrs. Randall D. Warden will have as weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Lucian A. Eddy of New York.

Miss Dorothea Gussfeld of San José, California and Miss Elizabeth Fisher of Palo Alto, California were recent guests of Mrs. Frank B. Cross.

Mrs. Brooks and her daughter, Patricia will be the guests of Mrs. M. E. Davis.

Miss Elizabeth Ingraham is the guest of Mrs. Arthur J. Sackett.

Mr. and Mrs. Crosby and Mr. Elsenhast are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Van Arnam.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blanchard of Boonton, N. J. and Mr. Alfred Osterland of Mountain Lakes will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Birch.

Miss Jeanie Pettit and Miss Corbett have been visiting Miss Lillie Fritz. Mr. Reginald Bassett spent last weekend with Mr. Jackson Cross.

Mrs. T. F. Kavanagh Sr. with her daughter, Rena V. Kavanagh, is spending a week at the home of her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Kavanagh.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin D. Belknap gave a Garden Party last Saturday afternoon at their home to celebrate the completion of their beautiful new rock and pool garden. Their guests numbered about 200.

Mme. Henriette Sava-Goiu and her husband Mr. William Saxe, now occupying "Shadow Oaks", had as their guests last weekend, Mr. Leonardo Casanova and Mr. Arthur Hornblow, motion picture director among whose recent productions are, "Mississippi", "Ruggles of Red Gap" and "Wings In The Dark" featuring Myrna Loy. Miss Myrna Loy is spending a week at "Shadow Oaks". The guests this weekend will be Count Wydenbruck-Loe, Mr. Raymond Weaver (the author of "Black Valley" and "Mariner and Mystic") and Professor John Burrell who wrote "Dead Reckonings".

With deep regret we announce the sudden death of Mrs. Virginia Stubenbord Del Giorno at 12:45 A. M. Thursday, July 25 at the Midwood Sanitarium in Brooklyn. She was a frequent visitor in Shoreham with her husband Jelsie Del Giorno, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Conahan. She was born in Brooklyn, and educated at the Packer Collegiate Institute.

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WADING RIVER SQUIBS

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Keillor entertained at a breakfast ride at their farm on Thursday morning. Those who rode were Mr and Mrs Markey, Mrs Arthur, Miss Sue Markey, Miss Ruth Wince, Miss Marguerite Heatley, Myron Howell, Ronald Keillor, J.A. Keillor, Jr., Myron B. Keillor, Jesse Heatley, Bradley Hart, George Heatley, Selden Heatley, and Walter Lippmann. They were joined at breakfast by Mrs Selden Heatley, Mrs George Heatley, and Mrs Lippmann.

Lawrence Stallings of Manhattan was the week end guest of Mr and Mrs Morris Markey. The Misses Anna and Evelyn Harrer of Queens Village, Mr and Mrs Thomas Bachman and daughter Barbara of Forest Hills have been visiting Mr and Mrs Edward Bachman for the past week. They were joined over the week end by Mr and Mrs Carl Harrer and Miss Dorris Harrer of Queens Village, Mr and Mrs John Brenker of Bellaire, Mr and Mrs Charles Buettner and Edward Bachman Jr of Woodhaven, Mr and Mrs Milton E. Bachman of Forest Hills, and George Keetzle of Richmond Hill.

The members and guests of the Field and Tennis club enjoyed a card party at the club house Saturday evening. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Mrs Joseph Major, Mrs A. M. Howell, Mrs George E. Hart, Mrs George Seeth, and Mrs Norman Bruen.

Miss Dorothy Bachman and Harold Redding of Brooklyn were the guests on Saturday of Miss Evelyn Rowley.

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