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ARBOR AND BIRD DAY IS OBSERVED

Appropriate Exercises Held Friday Morning at Which Dr. Clark, Mr. Leopold and Mr. Klein Speak. Musical Numbers on Program.

In accordance with the governor's proclamation that Friday, April 5, be observed as Arbor day, the University met in Rodey Hall at 10 o'clock. The discussion of wild bird life was a feature of the program. Dr. Clark, president of the Albuquerque Game Protective association, was the first speaker. His subject was "The Value of Wild Life, Especially of Song Birds." Mr. Leopold, formerly of the forestry service and now secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the "Destruction of Birds by Cats." Their speeches are printed elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Klein, of the Albuquerque high school, told a few facts which must be observed in the housing of song birds.

In Mr. Klein's speech, he said that there were several species of birds in this country which would use houses built for them. Among them are the bluebird, the wren, the woodpecker, the chickadee, the phoebe and the martin. Each bird prefers a certain type and size house, in fact will not live in any other sort. Some want only a shelf to build on, some want a complete house. The houses must be placed at certain distances above the ground. Mr. Klein exhibited a form of sparrow trap, which he made, and which has proved very effective.

Professor Seder was in charge of the musical part of the program, and opened it with a piano solo. Miss Hortense Switzer sang one of the songs from the musical comedy "Up in the Air," and Miss Estelle Harris sang another.

MISS McCANNA ENTERTAINS.

Miss Margaret McCanna entertained at an informal party Friday night in honor of Mrs. Kolbe, and the three Boulder girls who were here for the Kappa Kappa Gamma installation. Misses Katherine Knisel, Elizabeth McGowan and Alice Burrows. Only members of the sorority were present.

MRS HAGGARD ENTERTAINS.

A courtesy to visiting Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority officers and members was the handsomely appointed luncheon Friday at the Jerre Haggard home, when Mrs. Haggard was a charming hostess to visiting and local Kappas.

"Doggie" Hoffman writes that he is having success with his track team at Aragon, N. M. He says if he had some older men on his squad he would bring them up to compete in the interscholastic.

THE VALUE OF WILD LIFE BY DR. CLARK

The buffalo has gone. Once man said the buffalo were so numerous that their numbers would never grow less. Man has, however, exterminated the buffalo.

The antelope is going, though we have a few left in New Mexico. Even the most ignorant know that they are getting fewer in number, yet there are those specimens of the genus homo sapiens (I won't call them men) who take their shots at these vanishing creatures whenever chance of detection seems remote. The prey of bob cat, wolf and coyote takes his toll too, but he knows no better. The other antelope destroyer knows full well what he does.

Mountain sheep are almost never seen now, they are not as yet completely gone. From time to time some ranger reports the finding of the remains of one killed by some unseen vandal. The ptarmigan, that beautiful white grouse, is on his way to extinction in our state. Our song birds are decreasing—they should be increasing.

Who is to blame? Emphatically man. Man has had control of the destinies of our wild life and poor custodian has he been. Man can exterminate the beast of prey. Man can stop the ravages of the human beast and man has been indifferent, and man will have a frightful bill to pay if he does not awaken from his lethargy. Man has been responsible for the destruction of wild life though he never created any. Mr. Ward Shepard, of this city, remarks: "As for man, lord of creation and jovial destroyer of life, he also has tried his hand at the job of creation; he has made the clay pigeon."

In somewhat more detail let us concentrate on the song bird. Let us see what he is worth and let us see why he is going. Statistics are boring and require such attention that I shall use very few. I shall simply quote George Gladden, who says in Country Life in America:

"By no less authority than the United States department of agriculture we are told that the actual damage done to crops by insects in a single year represents the enormous sum of 420 million dollars of which nearly one half (200 million dollars) was damage done to cereals alone.

"Other startling statistics from the same source put the annual cost of the codling moth and curculio apple pests at about eight and a quarter millions for spraying operations alone and twelve million as representing the shrinkage in value of apple crops; while the damage done in some years by the chintz bug wheat pest and the cotton boll weevil is reckoned at forty million. The various tree insects cost one hundred million dollars a year.

"The ominous fact that the insect-

tiverous birds are decreasing in number appears to be due to the inadequate protection which they receive in many states, while not a few actually legalize the killing of several species which are exceedingly valuable as destroyers of insect pests and devourers of weed seeds.

"To mention only a few conspicuous instances, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland and Tennessee legalize the killing of robins as 'game.' Blackbirds have the same status and suffer the same fate in Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, and doves are slaughtered by wholesale in twenty-six states. Our northern bobolink is killed by countless thousands as 'reed birds' in many southern states."

The fact that all our song birds feed largely on insects is well known, yet we work and spend our money on insecticides and give little heed to the feathered friend who works long, non-union hours for his board alone.

Unfortunate is the bird whose plumage is gay. Cruel woman kills him, tenderly of course. She hires the assassin; he brings in the plunder, and the plunder consists of pretty feathers. Women have awakened to this shameful slaughter, yet not remotely we find the Literary Digest saying:

"While we lament the disappearance of our wild birds here in the United States, and we are trying to check it by legislation, the same ruthless slaughter, ending in total extinction of one species after another is going on in all parts of the world. Trade, backed by fashion, has a 'pull' apparently, and that cannot be withstood by laws nor appeals to pity, nor the outcries of scientific naturalists. So the goose that lays the golden egg continues to be killed, for after a feather yielding bird has been exterminated no more feathers of its kind are to be had."

We are grossly ignorant of the true work of many of our friends of the wild life. We believe that hawks are a menace. Most of them are beneficial as mice destroyers. The owl bears an evil name, but his deeds can stand the closest scrutiny of daylight. He lives on destructive rodents. Progressive legislatures have protected the crow, and a very few have protected the skunk. Who among us does not feel sure that both crows and skunks are destructive in spite of the testimony of patient studying scientists?

Birds by the thousands are killed each year by electrical wires. They are killed in three ways. They strike the unseen wire while in flight, they come in contact with two wires of different potential, or they make a contact between same wire and a grounded connection.

One hesitates to praise any German law or custom, but one may be sure that birds have a hard dollars and cents value when he learns that in Germany laws are in force which

SOME SIDE LIGHTS ON THE MUSICAL COMEDY

Play Has At Last Been Named. To Be Staged April 26 Instead of April 12.

"Up In the Air" is the name which has been chosen for the annual musical comedy, written by Miss Hickey. The play is so unusual that Miss Hickey had a hard time in choosing a title which would give some idea of what the play is. The name "Up In the Air" may mean anything, and anything is likely to happen during the course of the plot. This name was decided upon by Miss Hickey, Professor Seder, and Mr. Scotti. Several others were suggested, but were discarded in favor of the one given.

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The date upon which "Up in the Air" is to be presented to the theatergoers of Albuquerque has been changed from April 12 to April 26. The postponement was made necessary because of lack of time in which to practice. At present, the first act has been completed, and work on the second act has begun, but the play could not be gotten into good enough shape to be given this Friday night. The time is Friday, April 26, 1918; the place is the Crystal theater.

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The part of Corp in the play will be taken by Mr. Smith, who registered in the School of Fine Arts this quarter. Mr. Smith has a good voice and should show up to advantage in the solo parts.

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Bob Sewell, the Lord Mayor in "Up in the Air," expects to leave for the army about April 26, and is not certain that he will be able to appear in the play.

prohibit stringing of wires so close together that birds may be electrocuted. Also, solely for the protection of birds, Germany causes large sized insulators to be used.

Finally, let me speak of the ravages of winter and of the great assistance which man can render in saving our bird life. The bird house is a great protection, but a little food at the crisis is better.

"During winter many birds have difficulty in finding sufficient food. Search as they may the natural supply is inadequate. The spark of life burns low, and, alas, too often flickers out. With a full stomach a bird can bid defiance to any weather.

"It pays in dollars and cents to feed the birds. Every orchard should at regular intervals have suet fastened to the trees, as well as a few bird boxes for nesting purposes. There is a pleasure in watching the feeding bird, their beautiful color, their engaging ways, to say nothing of persuading their confidence and upon us and take food from our hands."

We Patronize Those Who Patronize Us

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1918.

The landscape gardener seems to have completed his work on the University grounds. Before he finished, however, he left his trade-mark in the nature of a white tile drinking fountain, situated to the north of the sun-dial, at the approach to the girls' dormitory. This is a very convenient fountain, having arrangements so that two might drink at the same time. But to us it resembles more a bath-room fixture than an outdoor drinking fountain. Such an ornament would be in keeping with the style and material of the new Occidental building at Third and Gold, but we fail to see just how it fits in with any style of architecture in use on the campus. There was once a plan to model the University along the lines of an Indian pueblo. We have seen several Indian pueblos, but we have not noticed any such ornaments in one of them.

To show how inconsistent it is, here we have a sun dial, one of the old methods of determining time, and one built in a mound of rocks, and next to it, one of the most modern, up-to-date pieces of plumbers' art obtainable. A difference of several centuries is represented, and we do not know but what we prefer the relics of an old civilization in such a place. But if we are to keep the drinking fountain, let us tear down the sun dial, and on the other end of the diamond shaped garden let us place a white tile bath tub. The two would have something in common.

The adoption of the new time, caused a little confusion for the first day or so. Some people forgot to set their clocks an hour ahead, and some people could not get used to the idea of getting up in the dark. The dining hall was almost empty at the breakfast hour for the first two or three days. Eight o'clock classes suffered also. But now everything runs as smoothly as ever. We get up an hour earlier, and go to bed an hour earlier, just as though we had been doing it all our lives.

Elsewhere in this issue is printed a list of "Wills and Don'ts," drawn up by the Arizona girls. If these laws as laid down are observed by those making them, a great good will result. Not only will those who made them save, but their example will help others to save. Nothing will help a person to save more than the sight of someone else saving. We congratulate the girls of Arizona on their determination to help.

Miss Margaret Flournoy was another visitor on the campus, who came to Albuquerque for the Kappa Kappa Gamma installation. She returned to Magdalena Tuesday.

K. K. G.s PRESENTED
WITH LIBERTY BOND.

The newly installed Gamma Beta chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma was presented with a Liberty Bond of the third issue by the local Pi Kappa Alpha chapter. The Pi Kappa Alpha men had planned an entertainment in honor of the new Greek letter members, but upon second thought decided to invest the money in a Liberty Bond and present it to them instead. They felt that any unnecessary expenditure of money at this time would be an unpatriotic act. Before this step was taken, the approval of a number of Pi Kappa Alpha men already in the service was secured. The announcement of the gift was made at the Kappa Kappa Gamma banquet Saturday night.

INSTALLATION PROPER.

The installation of the new Kappa Kappa Gamma took place in the Sigma Chi house Friday and Saturday afternoon. The petitioning members of the Alpha Gammas were initiated Friday afternoon, and the new members Saturday afternoon.

Charter members who were initiated Friday were the Misses Hawkins, Trotter, Flournoy, Wilson, McCanna, Kathleen Long, Evelyn Long, Katherine Little, Hope, Lillian Spickard, Louise Bell, Katherine Keleher, Conway, Irene Boldt, and Lois Davis. Those initiated Saturday were the Misses Estelle Harris, Anne Harris, Louise Dadey, Clara Bursum, Martha Greenlee, Edith Boellner, Frances Bear, Wilma Snyder, Maurine Reagan, Hubbell, Vincent, Dorothy Ohmart and Margaret Stanley.

PAN-HELLENIC RECEPTION.

Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. David R. Boyd, the members of the national Pan-Hellenic sorority entertained in compliment to Mrs. Kolbe, national chief of the Kappa Kappa Gammas, and Misses Knisel, McGowan and Burrows, K. K. G. members from Boulder. Some one hundred local sorority women were present, representing the Phi Mus, Alpha Chi Omegas, and K. K. G. of local sororities. The rooms were dressed in sweet peas, with pink as color motif. This was emphasized in the dining room by candles, hooded in pink. A program of musical numbers was given by Miss Hortense Switzer and Alberta Hawthorne, who sang vocal solos and afterward combined their voices in a well rendered vocal duet. Miss Grace Stortz played a pleasing violin solo.

LOCALS.

Several of the University girls have been selling Liberty Bonds of the Third Liberty Loan. Among them are the Misses Claire Bursum, Frances Bear, Edith Boellner and Evalyne Long.

Hugh Cooper left with his father Monday night, for a short trip to Silver City, Deming and El Paso. He expects to return in a few days.

Miss Helen Wilson, of Raton, was in the city long enough to take part in the Kappa Kappa Gamma installation.

A letter from Paulsen, who went home to farm, says that he is firmly established on a farm and is working hard.

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ARIZONA GIRLS SET EXAMPLE.

The Pan-Hellenic organization of the University of Arizona has adopted a set of "Wills and Don'ts," with a view to helping win the war. They do not involve any useless sacrifices, but do mean a curtailment of certain extravagant and wasteful practices. They are as follows:

Wills and Don'ts.
PREAMBLE.

America shall win this war! Therefore, I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight—cheerfully and to my utmost—as if the whole outcome of the struggle depended upon me alone.

Wills.

1. I will observe always the Hoover regulations.
2. I will buy candy and ice cream not more than one day a week.
3. I will give time to the Red Cross every week.
4. I will be prompt.
5. I will not accept flowers.
6. I will turn out the lights.
7. I will minimize the use of taxis.

Don'ts.

1. Don't complain of privations caused by the war.
2. Don't forget the clean plate.
3. Don't spend unnecessarily.
4. Don't be late to assembly.
5. Don't be on the delinquent list.
6. Don't forget the gospel of thrift.
7. Don't be a slacker in observing these rules.

K. K. G. RECEPTION.

A fitting close to the installation ceremonies was the reception given at the Country Club, Monday evening, from 9 to 12, at which the new Kappa Kappa Gammas were hostesses. All sorority and fraternity members in the city were invited, and a few special guests were present. In the receiving line were Mrs. Kolbe, the local Kappa Kappa Gammas, Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Haggard. Several musical numbers were sung, one by Miss Harris, a duet by Miss Harris and Miss Stortz, and a solo by Miss Vincent. An orchestra furnished music throughout the evening. About 11 o'clock dancing was begun and lasted until 1 o'clock. Delightful refreshments were served during the reception.

DR. WEDGE LECTURES.

Dr. Wedge, who delivered the address on "That Something" to the University a short time ago, addressed the men of the school Tuesday. Dr. Wedge pointed out some of the ways in which Christian service was being practiced in this war, and urged the men to do all they could to help. The Y. M. C. A. is one of the means by which Christian men are helping. Dr. Wedge's lecture was inspiring and should have had a larger audience. One man who attended said, "I started to take notes, but became so interested that I forgot them."

Even Steel Gets Tired;
Engines Must Have Rest
Just Like Human Beings

A train pulled into a station the other day several hours behind time—which in itself isn't anything unusual these strenuous days of railroading, says an exchange. When the engineer was asked why he could not make the time he said his engine was tired, that it had had no rest. A new employee smiled at the fellow, for he couldn't believe that a piece of steel actually required rest. But it is absolutely true, and the engineer understands it as does no other class of people.

An engine's working hours are as definitely fixed as a man's working hours. There is just as well defined limit to its endurance. It gets tired pulling a train, just as a man gets tired dragging a burden, and the more tired it becomes the less efficient it is, for all the world like a human being. In the case mentioned nothing about the engine was broken. Its parts were well adjusted. But it had been sent out on the road for a second trip after having made a long, laborious run, and it was tired and didn't do its work as it would have done had it been allowed to rest for 24 hours.

Attic Is Made to Order as
a Playroom for the Kiddies.

The attic now provides the home with the most delightful of playrooms, that show in every detail a thorough understanding of what children love, says an exchange. It is a retreat that is their very own, just as they would have dreamed it. If you told them that the alcoves were formed by chance in the plan of the big house, they would smile incredulously. There is an alcove for each child, where each has her own individual set of furniture, decorated with her own story-book pictures.

Deep shelves furnish cages in which the wild animals sleep at night; and the tired hobbyhorse finds a stable and rest. Baby has a playground all her own, out of danger from prancing steed and raging elephant. There is a quiet corner for nurse, too.

What wonderful things are to be seen from the high-up windows, where the sunbeams peep in to wake up the toys! Perhaps the view may show ships far out on the river or bay, or miles and miles of treetops tossed in the wind, and soft, white piled-up clouds.

A Parliament of Seven.

Excelling even the Scottish St. Kilda in loneliness is Pitcairn Island, a British possession in the Pacific, almost midway between Australia and South America. About two square miles in area, the island has a population of 109; including three Americans. The people are half-castes of Tahitian blood, but English is the only language spoken. A parliament, consisting of seven members, and boasting a president, a vice president, and a judge, conducts the affairs of the community. All persons above the age of eighteen can vote, and voting is done verbally. The natives are great music lovers, and take much pride in an organ presented to them by Queen Victoria. Sometimes a year passes without the arrival of a mail. It once happened that only two vessels called there during a period of 25 years.

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CATS COLLECT HEAVY TOLL IN BIRD LIFE

By Aldo Leopold.

When we talk of the pleasant subject of peace, we have also got to deal with the unpleasant subject of war. Likewise, when we talk about birds, we have got to deal with cats. Nobody knows exactly how many birds we have in the United States, but we do know that we have about twenty-five million cats in this country, and that we are acquiring more of them every day.

The cat has an interesting history. There is no record of any of the Eu-cats until about the year 900 A. D. Cats were kept in Egypt, however, beginning about 1200 B. C., and had their origin from the wild cat still to be found in Egypt and northeastern Africa. The great Herodotus mentioned that there was such an abundance of cats on a certain mountain in Numidia that no bird was ever known to nest there.

With the Egyptians, the domestic cat became an object of worship and the hundreds of thousands of cats kept in the period of Egyptian civilization is attested to by the great caves found along the Nile, literally filled with the embalmed bodies of these animals. These deposits of embalmed cats are so extensive that a few years ago a commercial company undertook their removal and the ground up carcasses were sold in Europe as fertilizer at \$15 per ton. Who knows but what the destruction of Egyptian birds by these hordes of cats and the possible resulting effect in the increase of insects might have been at least in part responsible for the periods of crop failures and famines which preceded the downfall of Egyptian civilization?

The principal justification for the keeping of cats has always been their alleged good services in checking the increase of rats and mice, but scientists have now proven that a good mouse trap is worth a half dozen cats and that the effectiveness of cats as mousers has been greatly exaggerated. A few years ago, a certain ship's captain boasted how his cat had been instrumental in keeping his ship clear of rats. It happened that this ship was put into quarantine, and when fumigated, the cat was unfortunately forgotten and after the captain's cabin was cleaned after fumigation, there were found in it twenty-four dead rats and the one cat, side by side.

The trouble is this, that when you feed a cat she does not catch anything and when you do not feed her she lives on birds, because birds are easier to catch than rats and mice. Actual records have shown at least 125 species of birds which are commonly killed by vagabond cats.

The really alarming feature of the cat situation is that our bird supply is threatened not only by the cats which stay around home and clean out the birds from the garden and orchard, but especially from the hundreds of thousands of cats which have really turned into wild animals and which make their living in the woods and fields off birds alone. Every sportsman knows that cats which have run wild are commonly found miles distant from any house or farm and every good sportsman who is interested in wild life out here

will shoot these wild cats at every opportunity.

Competent authorities have estimated that there are at least twenty-five million of them in the United States and that a very conservative estimates this entire number averages ten birds killed per year, making a total of 250,000,000 birds which we must charge against the cat nuisance.

Nor is this the only charge against the cat. All of these cats must consume food, whether in the form of birds or in the form of table scraps, which ought to go toward the feeding of chickens or other producing animals. Moreover, cats are known to be a serious factor in the dissemination of contagious diseases.

This does not mean that we have to deprive cat lovers of their favorite pets, but it does mean that every cat which does not serve a useful purpose will have to be dispensed with if we are to adequately protect our wild life and our own health. The time will come when it will be illegal to keep a cat without a license, just as we now license a dog, and when all unlicensed animals will be disposed of by the public authorities. The sooner we get such a law in New Mexico the sooner we may hope for adequate protection of our birds and wild life.

K. K. G. BANQUET.

Closely allied with the installation was the banquet held by the sorority at the Alvarado hotel at 8 o'clock Saturday night. The banquet hall was decorated in the sorority colors, dark and light blue, and all members wore ribbons of the same colors. Miss Myrl Hope acted as toastmistress and after making a response to "Kappa Kappa Gamma," called upon others for toasts. Miss Kathleen Long spoke on "The Key," Miss Margaret McCanna on "To Our Guests," Miss Anita Hubbell on "To Our French Baby," Miss Anne Harris on "To Our Beta Mu Chapter," and Miss Margaret Flournoy on "Spirit of Kappa." Informal talks were then made by the visiting delegates. Miss Flournoy of Magdalena, Miss Evelyn Trotter, who was on a visit in San Diego, and Miss Helen Wilson of Raton, alumni members of the sorority made the trip here especially for the installation.

WHY WE MUST SAVE FOOD.

The 1917 wheat crop in France was less than half normal, using the crop of 1913 as a basis of comparison. There was a shortage of 176,000,000 bushels, or 53.3 per cent. The potato crop was only within one-third of normal. The sugar beet crop showed a deficit of 67.9 per cent. Her meat herds in the early fall showed a shortage of 1,800,000 animals.

Those are a few of the reasons America must feed her associates in the war. They are no longer able to feed themselves, and unless we come to the rescue are face to face with starvation. And starvation means defeat in the war.

Daily Thought.

The moral courage that will face obloquy in a good cause is a much rarer gift than the bodily valor that will confront death in a bad one.

Miss Evelyn Trotter returned to the city from California, to be present at the Kappa Kappa Gamma installation. She will go from here to Washington, D. C., to make her residence for the present.

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