

WINGS OVER TEXAS

By LOIS CAMERON CHESLEY

I reached out and closed my hand over a black-chinned hummingbird one day this spring. It was the morning after a norther and fifteen or twenty birds were swarming around the feeders. Black-chin gave a terrified little squeak, struggled briefly, then grew quiet.

An observer in south Texas once reported that several hummingbirds which were taken in out of the cold had slept upside down. This was a new statement, and I wanted to see whether or not it was true of this bird. He was freed on the back porch, and drank immediately from a bottle of sugared water.

A person may respond to a bird personality without wishing to find out how it sleeps, know its winter and summer ranges or to classify it. But facts about the habits of any bird have a way of arranging themselves into patterns as soul-satisfying to the mind as the bird's plumage is to the eye, or his song to the ear. So, we go on

gathering facts, though feeling like trespassers during the short time the inquiry arouses alarm in the bird. A young bird student summed up this state of mind once when he stated, on seeing the anxiety of two parent cardinals: "If we could only tell them what we are doing."

There was no way of telling the hummingbird that we could trade him a night's lodging out of the wind for the information as to how he slept. So he whirred against the window, stopped, stopped to perch on the bottle for resting and feeding, then whirred again.

I was afraid he would exhaust himself. Twice I almost turned him out; once when he got between a window shade and the window, whirring in a space too small for the arc his wings make; again when he sat wistfully in a north window looking at the hummers feeding and chasing outside. At intervals when captive Black-chin tried to fly out and join them, a free bird would hover near the pane in front of him staring in curiously.

By dark he seemed calmer, and settled down to sleep, of all places, on a window ledge. I flushed him several times; hoping he would light on the wire or cord, both of which he had favored during the afternoon. But he returned grimly to the ledge. Finally I gave it up and left him in peace to sleep however he might, knowing that a hummingbird's tiny claws could not lock around a window ledge so that he might swing down. Each time

the light was turned on he sat in a doze, bill pointing up into the air. I freed him early the next morning, not having proved or disproved anything.

Before releasing him I daubed a spot of red paint on his forehead just above the bill, so that we could know him if he stayed around the feeders.

Such indignities! He had good cause to leave our neighborhood. But several weeks later I recognized him by the spot of red paint. The stiff forehead feathers stood straight up in the form of a crest. He was sipping at a feeder. At the first movement from the window he shot away.

The strong whirr of the black-chinned hummer's mating pendulum-swing calls me outdoors many times all through April and May. It is an exhilarating sight. One cannot grasp the essential quality of the hummingbird personality until he has seen it.

One day the paint-marked black-chin was doing this swing in front of a prospective mate, and I watched his performance with a bit of pride. To most it would have been no more dazzling a performance than those we see each spring around the feeders. But there was a special charm about this one because I had held the performer in my hand.

The bird started by swinging back and forth rapidly in front of the female in an arc of about five feet. The drone of his wings swelled and faded with each beat. He actually described in the air a long, low-lying figure eight. After six or seven of these he suddenly shot up some thirty feet into the air, turned and shot down past his mate, and up as high into the air on the other side. The arc was tremendous for so small a bird. His speed just after turning in mid-air and starting down was breathtaking, but tremulous with excitement. As he passed his mate one of the birds gave out a quivering, four-note sound, not squeakily like the hummingbird's voice in battle. It had a percussion quality as if it might be made with the wings rather than the throat.

He made these lightning swings repeatedly. Then he alighted to rest on a plum twig, bill slightly open. His mate took this exhibition nonchalantly, and soon flew away.

VOICE OF TEXAS

By PIERCE BROOKS

Almost all successful candidates in 1938, from justice of the peace to congressman, advocated the payment of Old Age Pensions to all men and women over 65 years of age. This was the major issue of the campaign.

So, when the 46th session of the Texas Legislature convened and heard the new Governor make his inaugural speech, the aged fathers and mothers of Texas breathed a sigh of relief, feeling reasonably certain that the pledges on the stump would be a welcome change from the hardships of the past. Out of the 150 members of the house, 72 were brand new legislators. They had, in the most cases, defeated former members who had done nothing for the old folk.

Now, this whole episode reminds one of a story about Bishop Warren A. Chandler. The great Methodist prelate was preaching one day to an annual conference. His text called for a reading of the chapter on Annanias and Sapphira. The Bishop said: "God did not strike down Annanias and Sapphira for lying. God does not strike down people for lying. If He did, then where would I be?" The congregation laughed loudly, thinking that venerable Bishop was referring to himself when he asked "If God struck down people for lying, where would I be?" Immediately after the question he answered it. "If God struck down people for lying, where would I be? I'll tell you where I'd be. I'd be speaking to a bunch of corpses."

The state of Texas is paying out something like \$112,000 annually in rentals in Austin for bureaus and boards created in recent years. Some new buildings have been built to take care of the needs, and these owners will receive enough money in four or five years to defray the cost of same.

Congress has approved a measure which, it was said, would give Southern carriers "freedom to reduce freight rates." Another step

in the west-south campaign for lower transportation charges, this provision would authorize railroads, water carriers and truck lines to reduce rates so long as a "compensatory return" was mainstand. The plan was written into the Wheeler-Truman transportation bill as an amendment.

Boyce House was invited to take a seat in the Senate gallery the other day. He was moving out of the place and stopped in front of a handsome painting for a least twenty seconds. There were only about a dozen visitors in the gallery, but Boyce, eminent Texas Journalist, Columnist and Philosopher, was informed by the guard that he could not stand there but had to take a chair. House is a Texan who does not like to be told that he has to do anything. He's an average Texan in that regard. So he moved on, but he asked "If a fellow can't stop and look at the paintings, then why hang them on the walls?"

Why Go To College

This is a question that has been argued for 10 these many years. The question like all of its type is no nearer solution today than it was in the early days of American Colleges. You can still hear fathers saying such unmoded phrases as the following, "I ain't going to send my boy to college. They don't give them nothing" but book learning. I want him to get something practical. I don't see no sense in book learning; I didn't have none and I guess I'm doing all right." For his daughter he will say, "There ain't no point in getting her head all filled with that foolishness, it'll keep her from being a good wife to some man." That man fails to understand the value of modern education. It is in the face of such sentiment that the educational institutions of Texas have had to march. Can they be blamed then if their growth has been to a certain extent slower than in other states?

It would be unwise to send every child in Texas to college. The out-

come of such a plan would be to flood the market with college graduates, or to cause a great deal of heartaches to students who, lacking the ability to graduate, failed out. It is far better not send a student to college who is weak in school than to send him and force him to stand the disgrace of failing out of school. This has a more telling effect on his character than if he does not go. Business colleges provide an excellent opportunity for students who do not desire the purely cultural fields, but who are adept at the practical side of life.

The matter of picking a career is an unfortunate feature of our system. Many parents make the mistake of deciding what little Mortimer will be when he is cutting his first teeth. And in spite of the development of all his talents in a field other than the one which they had chosen, they send him to college when he reaches the proper age to study in the chosen field. He does poorly in his work. They send him letters scolding him for not taking advantages of the splendid opportunity that they are giving him. Do you call it an opportunity to take ester oil? Perhaps the subject that they have chosen for him is that distasteful to Mortimer. Mortimer becomes disgusted with their attitude. Someone tells him how to change his subjects to the field he wants without telling his parents. Mortimer tries and gets so far along in this new chosen field that if he were forced to go back to the field that his parents had chosen, he would lose many hours of work. He is allowed to continue in his new field. The sympathetic understanding between

parents and child are forever shaken by this misunderstanding. Let the child pick the field that he wants. Only a happy worker can be a satisfied and prosperous worker. Parents should remember this fact when they peer over the edge of the cradle at two day old Mortimer, and exclaim in a properly proud parental phrase, "He'll be a lawyer like his daddy."

To the June graduate, go to college and if you are not sure what you want to take—make a judicious investigation into your likes and dislikes, and try to match a course of studies to them. Do not take law because your best friend is. Or medicine because your boy friend is. Or history, although you hate it, because you think that it is easy. Choose the field that you are good in and like to work in.

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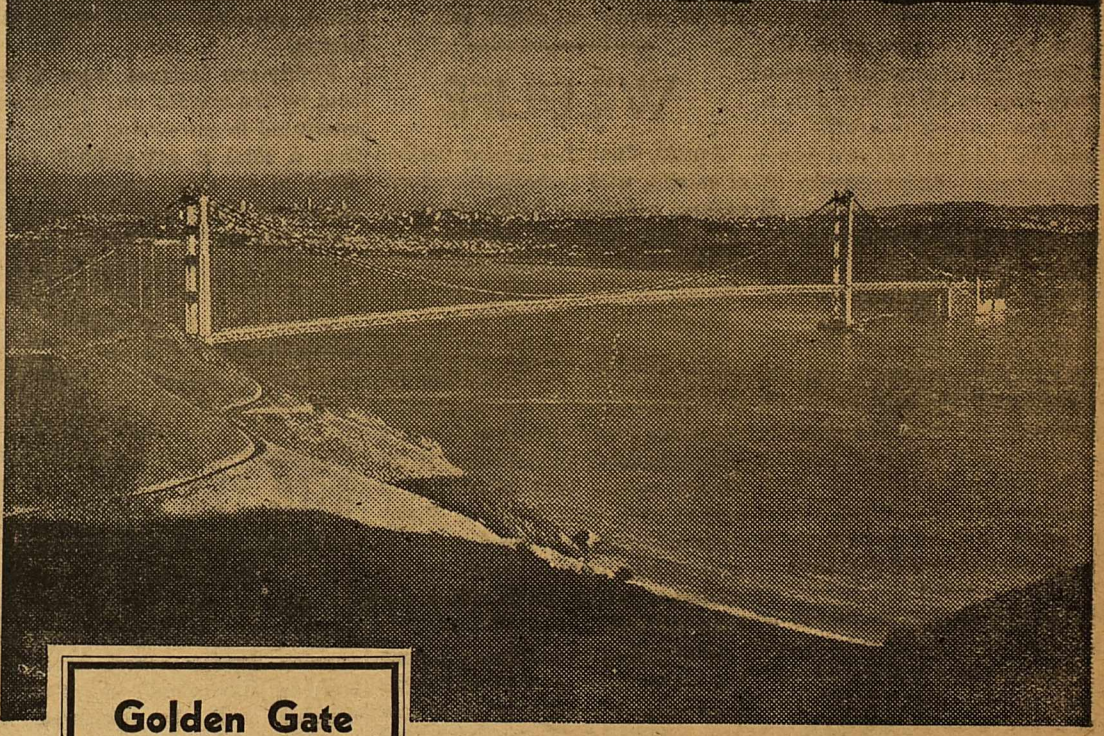
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Two Tie For Guest High Score Thursday Afternoon

A business meeting, at which time Mrs. A. W. Awalt was elected president, Mrs. Cecil Allen, vice-president, and Mrs. Joe Berger, secretary and reporter, was held by members of Pastime Club Thursday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. O. G. Babcock.

At the close of the meeting forty-two was played and Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn won high score for members and Mrs. Rose Thorp and Mrs. T. W. McMillian tied for guest high score.

Spring flowers formed the decorations for the home and at the tea hour refreshments were iced tea and a dessert course.

Members present included: Mesdames J. A. Cauthorn, Joe Berger, Rita Ross, J. W. Trainer, Earl Lomax, A. W. Awalt, J. T. McClelland, Cecil Allen, Robert Rees, F. T. Jones, Auther Simmons, W. E. Caldwell;

Guests were Mesdames T. A. McMillian, Preston C. Lightfoot, Rose Thorp, Irwin Willman.

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Jacobs Win Prize Awards Monday

Cut flowers of gladioli and zinnias, placed at vantage points in the home of Mrs. G. H. Davis were the decorations used Monday when she entertained for members and guests of the Just-Us Club.

Bridge at three tables furnished entertainment for the afternoon and after several games Mrs. Hix Hall was given high score prize for club members, Mrs. Robert W. Jacobs, of Marfa, received high guest prize and Mrs. J. S. Glasscock won high cut award.

A refreshment of congealed salad, sandwiches, and iced tea was served to the guests.

Members present were: Mesdames R. A. Halbert, J. F. Howell, Hix Hall, V. H. Hamilton, I. B. Boughton, J. S. Glasscock, E. E. Sawyer, Miss Alice Sawyer.

The guests were Miss Jean Saunders, Miss Rena McQuary, Miss L. C. Mathis, of Lometa, Mrs. Robert W. Jacobs, of Marfa.

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Miss Watkins Entertained Pupils

A theatre party Friday night of last week at La Vista given by Miss Marie Watkins complimented her music pupils. After the picture, "Huckleberry Finn," the group enjoyed refreshments at the drug store.

Those attending were: David Shurley, Kathryn Ross, Kathleen Schwiening, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Jimmy Cusenbary, Tommy Bond, Charlene Hull, Betty Faye Glasscock, John Allen Ward, Marguerite Howell, Sammie Jeanne Allison, Edith May Babcock,

Frances Atchison, Billy Shurley, Jamie Trainer, Jobeth Taylor, Glenn Richardson, Richard Boughton, Bernie Dawn Gibbs, Peggy Reming, Jan Caffey.

Club Members Honored At Home Of Mrs. Billy Penick

A floral decoration of sweet peas and color plan of pink and blue, in the tallies and prize wrappings were used by Mrs. Billy Penick when she entertained for the Sub Deb Club members and one guest at her home Friday afternoon.

Bridge was played and Mrs. Howard Kirby received high club score prize and Miss Emma Sessions won high guest score prize.

The hostess served her guests a frosted parfait and cookies.

Members present were Mesdames Batts Friend, Seth Lancaster, Harold Friess, Howard Kirby, J. H. Trainer, J. W. Taylor, Miss Bobbie Halbert; the guest was Miss Emma Sessions.

Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson, Mrs. Batts Friend and son, Benny, were in Kerrville last week-end.

Miss L. C. Mathis, of Lometa, came Monday and will visit a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. G. H. Davis, and Mr. Davis.

Mrs. Rita Ross left Wednesday for San Antonio, where she will visit several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Trengrove.

A visitor in the Robert Rees home is Mrs. H. G. Edens of Center Points. She is a sister of Mr. Rees; she came Friday of last week and remained until the later part of this week.

Coffee Tuesday Announces Engagement of Miss Jones



MISS HARVA JONES

A coffee given Tuesday morning by Mrs. C. T. Jones and Miss Emma Sessions in the clubhouse of the Sonora Woman's Club was the occasion announcing the engagement and approaching marriage on June 20 of Miss Harva Jones and Pat Cooper.

The clubhouse was decorated with floral bouquets of yellow flowers. In the receiving line were Mrs. Jones, mother of the bride-elect; Miss Emma Sessions; Miss Jones; and Mrs. W. R. Phillips, Fort Stockton, sister of Mr. Cooper.

The centerpiece for the coffee table was a miniature covered wagon drawn by four horses, and carried two figures, representing the "newly-weds," with the inscription, "Going West—Harva and Pat—June 20, 1939," on the canvas forming the cover for the wagon.

Mints, nuts, tea cakes, and coffee were served and presiding at the table were:

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. R. A. King, Eldorado, aunt of the bride-elect, and Mrs. R. A. Halbert, Mrs. Harold Friess, Mrs. Sidney S. Millsbaugh, Jr., Ozona, Miss Alice Sawyer, Mrs. Rip Ward assisted.

Mrs. Robert W. Jacobs, Marfa, played piano selections during the morning, and a program was presented. Those taking part were Ernest Carroll Stephen who sang "Home on the Range." He was dressed in costume in keeping with the song. Billie Sue Jones sang and tapped "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby," and was dressed in a cowgirl costume; Elizabeth Taylor sang and tapped "My Own," and was likewise dressed in a cowgirl costume.

Miss Rena McQuary and Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot sang a duet entitled, "Giannina Mia." Miss Jimmie Gwynne Langford, presented a reading, "The Fishing Trip."

Those attending were: Mesdames O. G. Babcock, R. C. Vicars, Frank Bond, Hillman Brown, J. W. Taylor, Henry Decker, W. R. Cusenbary, Curt Schwiening, Lee Labenske, Miss Robbie Morris, Mesdames John Williams, Eldorado, A. C. Elliott, Palmer West, Eldorado, Tom Driskell, L. E. Johnson, Cashes W. Taylor, Miss Viva Holland;

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dred Labenske, Mesdames J. T. Penick, Mary Evans, San Angelo, Billy Penick, Miss Dorothy Penick, Miss Ada Steen, Mesdames B. C. McGilvray, Mike Murphy, P. J. Taylor, R. G. Nance, Howard Espy, W. B. McMillian, Thomas Espy, G. C. Crosby, Eldorado, Jack Mann, Alfred Schwiening, J. W. McDaniel, Elmer Wilson, Miss Florence Reiley,

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Birthday Party For Tom Wood Thursday

Mrs. F. T. Wood entertained with a party Thursday afternoon of last week for her son, Tommy, on his fourth birthday. Games were played and afterward punch and birthday cake were served.

Plate favors were candies, dolls, and balloons.

Those attending were: John Allen, Charles Brent Allen, Ann Karnes, Lois Lomax, Joe David Ross, Betsy Ross, Peggy Willman, Peggy Sue Parker, Billy Parker, Jimmie Morrow, John Stanley Hamby, Nancy Niell, Cornie Sue Wyatt, Marjorie Ann Lightfoot, Flora Dell Davis, Sonny Howell, Eddie Smith, Beverly Smith, Ira Hale, Mrs. Preston C. Lightfoot, Mrs. Cecil Allen, Mrs. Ira Hale.

Mrs. A. C. Elliott was in San Angelo Wednesday.

Peter A. Chase left Saturday of last week. He planned to stop at the San Francisco Fair and other points of interest while en route to Oregon to attend the summer term of school.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Crosthwait left Wednesday for San Antonio, where they will visit for a few days with Mr. Crosthwait's parents. They were accompanied there by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brasher.

Mrs. J. B. Whitfield, daughter of J. O. Ellington, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Whitfield, came Sunday for a visit with Mr. Ellington. They returned home yesterday and Mr. Ellington went with them as far as Dallas.

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Las Amigas Meets At Mrs. John Fields'

A decoration of multi-colored spring flowers in the home of Mrs. John Fields, Thursday afternoon of last week, added gaiety to the Las Amigas Club meeting.

Bridge was played at two tables and after several games Mrs. Sam Karnes and Mrs. W. J. Fields held high and second high club scores; and Mrs. Alton Hightower received a guest prize.

At the tea hour the guests enjoyed a sandwich plate.

Those attending were Mesdames Sam Karnes, P. J. Taylor, R. C. Vicars, W. J. Fields, Jr.; Misses Alice Karnes, Nann Karnes, Ada Steen; and the guest was Mrs. Alton Hightower.

Mrs. Decker Entertains For Girls Bridge Club

High score prize for club members was awarded Mrs. John Fields, and second high club prize was given Mrs. Lloyd Earwood Friday afternoon of last week when Mrs. Henry Decker was hostess to members and guests of the Girls Bridge Club.

Mrs. R. A. Halbert received a prize for guest high score.

Mrs. Decker served her guests a salad plate, at the tea hour.

Members present were Mesdames Frank Bond, Lloyd Earwood, John Fields, Sam Karnes, H. V. Stokes, Joe Brown Ross, Misses Alice Karnes, Ada Steen.

The guests were Mrs. R. A. Halbert, Mrs. P. J. Taylor, Mrs. Ernest McClelland, Mrs. Richard Johnson.

Mrs. Mary Evans of San Angelo was here Tuesday, a guest of her sister, Mrs. L. E. Johnson, and Mr. Johnson.

Recent Bride



MISS PAULINE DAVIS

Davis, Jones Marriage Ceremony Solemnized On Sunday

Miss Pauline Davis of Temple and J. B. Jones of Waskom were united in marriage at the home of the bride parents, at nine-thirty o'clock, Sunday morning.

The officiating minister was the Reverend J. R. Babb, of the First Christian Church.

The bride was attired in a navy blue costume with white trimming, and wore white accessories. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Davis, of Temple, and is a graduate of Baylor University at Waco.

Mr. Jones is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones, of Holland, and is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. His profession is teaching.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for Austin and other points of interest in Texas.

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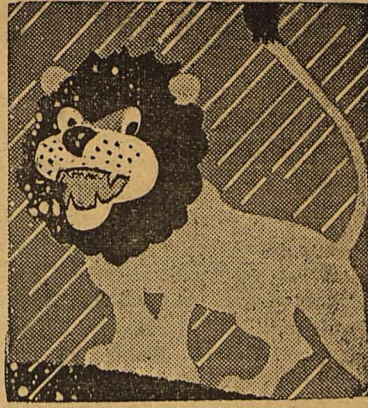
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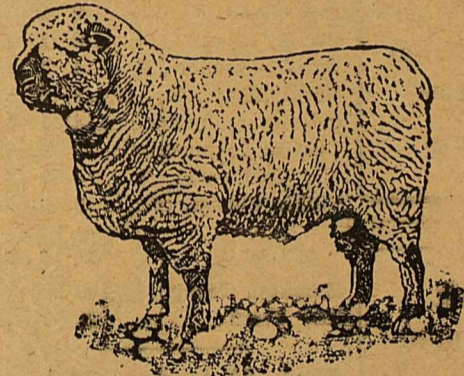
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