

The Southern Oakland County Association for Childhood Education will meet at the Clawson Methodist Church Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.

Phillip Miller, assistant editor of The Daily Tribune, will show slides taken on a trip through Europe and the Holy Land. The following commentary will take approximately thirty-five minutes.

Building representatives will please collect for dinner reservations and contact Miss Fisher, 615 Ferris, Royal Oak by Friday, May 1st.

Hansel S. DeOrow, 1274 Villa, advancement chairman from District 1, Detroit Boy Scouts Council, presented Scouting's heroism award to its first Oakland County winner Tuesday Evening.

The presentation was made to Jack Kallstrom of Royal Oak, who is credited with having saved the life of a seven-year-old child while on duty as a patrol boy last fall. Jack watched the boy from the path of an on-coming car, after the youngster had failed to heed his warning.

Also attending the ceremony, witnessed by Scoutmaster Robert H. Snodgrass of 1898 Elmshyre.

Luncheon Program

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's auxiliary of St. James church will be held in the dining room on May 6. Board meeting will be at 10:30 with Holy Communion at 12:15, and luncheon at 1:00 p.m. A technical film "Windows in the Sky" will be shown. This film, voted one of the best church films of the year, tells the story of life among the Navaho and the work the church is doing among them.

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NATURE NOW

Mourning Dove Habits Unlike Other Birds

By LYDIA KING FRESHSE
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

"For lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone,
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is come,
And the voice of the turtle is heard in the land."

So goes an ancient wedding song, and so writes this poet, its progress frequently interrupted by the doings of a pair of turtles, who are beginning a nest just outside my study window.

This they do to the tune of a gentle but pungent cooing which sounds far as above, although it is very near. For one who systems it is as much a part of spring as is the very morning voice of the cardinal or the twilight serenade of the robin.

Mrs. Freshse The world of ancient one applied to the family of doves, and is often used today to designate our familiar "mourning" dove.

In case you may confuse the voice of the turtle (bird) with that of the turtle (reptile), I can say that the latter has no voice at all. The hissing sound made when it withdraws into its shell is caused by its breath being suddenly forced out to make room for his body.

THE "TURTLE" dove, then, is properly called the "mourning" dove and is named from his call. His colors are muted, a soft blend of browns and greys, with tints of pink and blue, the tail feathers banded with black and tipped with white.

His body is moulded in the familiar "dove" shape and is the size of a small pigeon; about 12 inches long. This bird is almost an exact copy of his cousin the now extinct passenger pigeon whose enormous numbers darkened the skies and filled the hunters' bags in the days of Audubon and Wilson.

The male outside his window are invading the privacy of the blue jays and robins who after the manner of this kind are defending their territory in no uncertain terms. It may be that the dove will have to give up their idea of a new home site and return to the eaves-tough across the street where they have nested unmolested for several seasons.

SO FAR THEY have anchored a few leaves and twigs in the angle made by the first branch of an oak tree, about 25 feet above the ground. This, however, is not a typical nesting site. In the country they will be more likely to build nearer the ground, selecting the limb of an evergreen, the low crotch of an apple tree, or some corner of an old rail fence.

They are in no hurry. The male finds the nesting material and the female arranges it to her liking. After a few hours of work in the morning they take off for the rest of the day to follow some less serious pursuit. If they are allowed to continue, the final result after six or seven days will be a crude platform lined with grass or a few leaves; so flimsy that one wonders how it can safely hold the two white eggs until they are hatched.

DOVES MATE for the season and share in all the family chores. The male takes his turn at the brooding and when after 14 days, the eggs are hatched, the nestlings are fed by regurgitation of a granular fluid called "pigeon milk" secreted by the crop of both parents.

At the end of two weeks the young are ready for an adult bill-of-fare which consists of a main course of weed seeds and grain with a few insects or berries for dessert. Doves are ground feeders, and while they eat large amounts of grain, they do so after the harvest, salvaging what has fallen to the earth.

The mourning dove is one of the most beneficial of all birds and should be encouraged to nest around gardens and forests. The Biological Service uses the following count as taken from one bird's stomach: 4,821 seeds of orange hawk-weed, 3,220 of wild grass; 902 of vervain; 120 of cranesh and 40 of various other weed seeds. This total of more than 9,900 considerable enemy plants represents a substantial threat to the farmer.

THE FLIGHT of the mourning dove is direct and swift sometimes creating a sharp whistling sound, heard this for the first time in late March when a bird took off from the fence just over my head while I was uncovering a bed of hills. The short pointed wings, long tail and the springing habit of flying in pairs are excellent field characteristics.

Although the mourning dove is considered a song bird in the north, he is a challenging target in the south where he often appears on the table as pigeon pie. It is not spring for us until some rainy April morning we hear his plaintive cooing, announcing that our favorite vertebrate is back in town for a return engagement.

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- Beef Liver** Tender, Young Delicious, Nutritious Lb. **49c**
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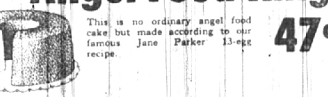
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