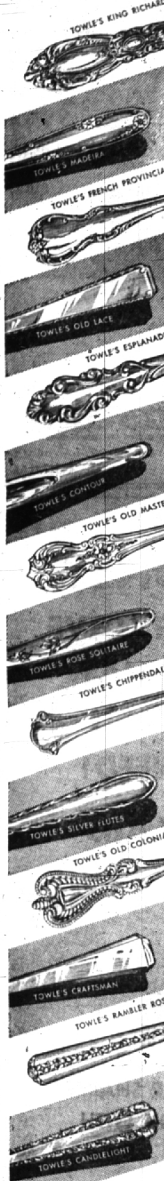


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Unheard Bird Songs Made 'Visible'

By LYDIA KING FRESHE
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

Now, in early April, I am awakened by the raucous call of the bluejay and the cries of re-assembling flocks of crows. When I opened the door this morning the red of a cardinal flashed down to me from his perch high in our tallest oak.

"What cheer? What cheer? What cheer?" said he in a thrice repeated question, flinging out the notes to the bright morning sky. And immediately he answered himself with three single notes; sharp, short and positive.

I suspect that listening to a bird song is a highly individual pastime. Therein many people hear many things, usually words that have been fitted into a song by a poet or a novelist.



Mrs. Freshe, the cardinal gushes forth like a fountain, giving voice to pure joy in the awakening season.

THERE IS that quality in the notes of the wood thrush and the song sparrow which suggests a vague undertone of sadness. But the cardinal's song is sheer exultation in the moment of its delivery—erance—a kind of "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world."

Many people have tried to set bird music down on paper. Some have used a system of dots and dashes; others have transferred the notes to a musical score.

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could see the throat of the bird vibrate long after they could hear any sound coming from the open bill. Now with the audio-spectrograph we "see" what we cannot hear, but we can only imagine how the full song would sound.

For instance, we are able to hear only snatches of the song which charms the mate of the golden-crowned kinglet. What notes we can register are so high that they are pitched mostly in the upper octave of our pianos.

THESE MUSICAL graphs show that the blue jay whose song sounds comparatively simple, sings what amounts to a major chord, holding a low note and a high one simultaneously and then after a hundredth of a second, adding a middle note.

THE WOOD thrush is a musical gymnast who can hold a chord of four notes while trilling a fifth note. Our hearing apparatus is totally inadequate to register his

Have You Met
The David G. Brooks family who have moved to 1924 Warwick drive? Brooks is a retired executive, formerly with Continental Baking Co., and the couple belong to Detroit Golf club, the Detroit Athletic club, the Engineering Society of Detroit, the Women's City Club, and the Covenant Baptist church.

See Williamsburg
Bruce and Jane Terry, are being shown historical Williamsburg by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund K. Terry of Berwyn road during their Easter vacation.

By this device it was proven that the human ear can hear only the simplest of bird songs such as those sung by the bob white and the chipping sparrow. The graphs prove that most birds are musical gymnasts, playing tunes which our clumsy ears cannot hear in their entirety.

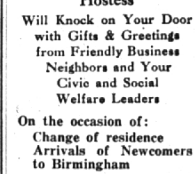
THIS IS true of the beautiful and haunting strains of the white-throated sparrow. Long before such complicated recording methods were discovered, observers

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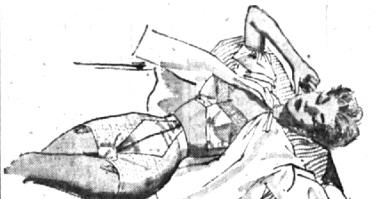
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Girls Vacationing From Penn Hall

Four students spending Easter vacation days at home from Penn Hall Junior College and Preparatory School, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania are Nancy Kay Bears, 454 Hawthorne; Mary Jane Boyd, 285 Hawthorne; Nancy Corinne Lewis, 687 Half Moon; and Barbara Underhill, 1483 Cranbrook Road.

Another Penn Hall girl, Barbara Jane Bertling, 668 Ardmore Drive has joined a group of college-mates in a trip to Bermuda which is annually arranged and organized by several of the instructors at Penn Hall at the time of the spring vacation.

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