

It has been suggested to me that our collection of some of these birds, some made separately perhaps put together in a more appropriate place where it can be seen and placed in a more appropriate service. Would you, a hardy experimenter, interest you? (O.S.A.)

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## It Wasn't Long Ago . . .

That Maple avenue looked like this from Hunter to the east . . . four or five months ago at most . . . this long block had been sheltered by the arching limbs of old maples and elms . . . But more people came to live in and around Birmingham . . . and they drove more cars . . . and cars themselves get wider . . . and wider . . . and wider . . . until this stretch of Maple avenue finally had to be widened . . . and repaved, too, for the old concrete had become so tired from the constant beating from the vehicles that it had given out and was breaking up . . .

## For Many Years to Come . . .

The new Maple avenue will look like this . . . It's a modern four-lane concrete highway . . . Only a few maples and elms remain . . . These all are in front yards of former residences . . . (and a few homes still are being lived in) . . . These are the only evidences of the street as it used to be . . . But already the widening has signaled to several property owners to make considerable changes for business purposes . . . Thus these other ancient trees may not be long for this world, either . . . All is not hopeless, however . . . The city has planted saplings in the area between new street and sidewalk . . . So in some future year, Maple avenue again may have its green leafy crown.

