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Meikrowaves

By DON MEIKLEJOHN

TALLAHASSEE. — Out in Florida's panhandle there have been few, if any babies born in recent years without their mothers and fathers getting a book from Congressman Bob Sikes, Crestview, telling them how to raise a healthy future voter.

This service is just an example of how the so-called "Meikrowaves" of Florida's Congressional delegation keeps a jump ahead of its potential opponents.

It's sort of hard for a youngster to grow up and not realize a fellow who helped raise him.

Apparently Sikes has been looking ahead in other ways too — on the kind of politics you don't find in books, baby or otherwise.

According to press accounts from Washington, Sikes was the chief engineer in the Florida Congressional delegation choosing Sen. George Smathers as its choice for presidential "favorite son."

The move has been widely interpreted as a move by Sikes to have any vice-presidential aspirations of Gov. LeRoy Collins.

This may be the plot, but it looks like there are a couple of places it could backfire.

There appear to be few reasons why the action would hurt Collins — and some very real

possibilities that it won't do Smathers any good.

Collins in fact issued a statement in support of Smathers before the Congressional action was taken — and reaffirmed the stand from Russia after it was announced.

But, let's assume the anti-Collins aspects are a big factor — and let's of folks who don't see uphill to revolt with Collins are getting some deep belly-laughs out of the maneuver.

Smathers gets put in a tough spot with his supposed Senate friends — Senators Symington, Kennedy, and Johnson — all of whom are being mentioned as potential presidential timber.

He also gets in hot water with friends of all three of these men in Florida, who might think the "favorite son" move might work against their candidates at least the two sides in this triangle eventually will have to believe this regardless of what Smathers might do.

Smathers also runs the risk of losing folks who think the whole deal is a little un-American.

Collins, in the meantime, gets none of the heat and avoids getting mixed up in any political fight prior to convention time.

Should he be so inclined, he

SKI BOAT MARATHON ACTION during the big July 5 Water Show on Lake Verona sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce as one of their series of "Chamber Presents" features. Contestants were groups according to motor horsepower in the Marathon events.

can go quietly about trying to build up out-of-state contacts (and that's the kind that counts) for any future political ambitions he might have in the direction of the vice-presidency.

What, for instance, would happen if some of the big wigs in the Democratic party took over Florida boys seriously — and Smathers managed to get on the ticket as, say, the vice-presidential nominee of the Democratic party?

Since any good Democrat would be almost forced to admit that the Democrats are going to clobber the Republicans in the presidential race, this would mean that they would face this fact:

Smathers would be the vice-President.

He still would have two years to serve as Senator.

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Avon Park Lakes News

Recent works completed and surfaced with asphalt in Unit 17 are: Marion, Laromere, Rita, Franklin, Jupiter, Oak, Park, Sagamore, Torrington, Solar, Olivia and Seville Drives.

The Women's Group has purchased a 21 in. Bar-B-Q grill complete with spit, motor and self starter. They have also added two folding banquet size tables.

Mrs. Lillian Dickerson and daughter, Linda, have moved into the Victor Lush home. Mrs. Dickerson works for the State near Sebring.

A. J. Ott has returned from Egypt and is spending three weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Edmondson. Mrs. Ott is Mr. Edmondson's sister. They plan to go to Chicago from here.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard McElring and daughter, Ginger, are spending some time at their home near Sebring.

Dr. L. L. Andrews has returned to his home after several weeks in the hospital. He is recuperating nicely from his recent illness.

Birthday Party Honors Little Miss Cheryl Fout

Cheryl Fout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fout, celebrated her 8th birthday with a party at her grandmother's home, Mrs. Dayton Ormiston, on Lake Lillian, Thursday afternoon, July 15th.

The airport was decorated with balloons and lanterns, and the children enjoyed playing many games. While Cheryl celebrated her many lovely gifts refreshments of ice cream and cake, punch, potato chips, pretzels, candy and bubble gum were served to the children.

Helping Cheryl celebrate were Kathy Smith, Dana, David and Glen Rush, Linda and Sandra Brantley, Kristal, Milo, and Daryl Ott, Susan Bush, Robert and Wade Odum, Terry Mills and her brother Craig. Her grandmother, Mrs. Russell Odum, Mrs. Oscar Sanjara, and Mrs. Henry

Rebekah Lodge Picnic Wednesday

The Eleanor Seavers Rebekah Lodge and the Rebekah Lodges of Arcadia and Sebring will hold a picnic in Highlands Hammock State Park on Wednesday, July 22.

The covered dish supper will be served at 6:30 in the Recreation Hall of the Park and all members of the three lodges and their families are invited to attend. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish and their own table service for the outing. Everyone is encouraged to come early to have ample opportunity to tour the lovely Hammock and take pictures of the scenery.

Rush helped serve the guests. Cheryl and her father who celebrated his birthday Tuesday, July 14th were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Ormiston for dinner at the Jacaranda Hotel, Friday, July 10.

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Church News . . . Dove Hunters

Congregational
Mrs. Malvyn V. Parry left last week to represent the Florida Congregational Christian Conference at the National Pre-School Training Laboratory, that is being held at the Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill. This training laboratory will study the new nursery curriculum for the United Church of Christ, which will be available January, 1960, for use in the churches in September, 1960.

Around one hundred trained persons from the forty-eight states, Hawaii and Puerto Rico will assemble for this school. It will be their duty to return to their respective Conferences and Synods and interpret the new material in area workshops.

The Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, July 8, at the home of Mrs. Eutherford on Lake Tulane for its regular meeting and covered lunch luncheon. Summer flowers adorned the home and the lovely meal was served on an attractive buffet table with the guests sitting at small tables.

During the luncheon meeting of the group the sale of the group was given a very favorable report.

Mrs. John Hood invited the Ladies Aid to hold its August meeting and luncheon at her home on Letela Road.

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First Christian

A large group of the members of the church will attend the Gailian Services in the Christian Assembly on Lake Avon in Lake Wales on Friday evening, July 17. The group will meet at the church at 6 o'clock to leave for Lake Wales and members of their transportation are asked to be there.

Charles Ballard, minister of the Avon Park Church, was the speaker at the Tuesday Men's Fellowship Conference in Lake Wales.

The Pot Luck Supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ballard Thursday night was a great success with a large crowd present and much delicious food.

The First Baptist
The Wilma Leach Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Ron Wilson on Thursday evening, July 16, at 7:30 for its regular monthly meeting. All members are urged to attend.

"The Baptist March in History" by Baker has been chosen for home study this summer and copies may be secured in the church office. Training Unit and Sunday School credit may be received for this book.

The Rev. Aden Childress is away on his vacation this week.

Methodist Youth Group Plans August Programs

The Youth Council of First Methodist Church met in the home of the Minister Monday night, July 6. The group met to plan their Sunday evening programs for the month of August, and to discuss plans for entertaining the Fidele Youth Society District Wednesday afternoon, July 15th. The Sub-District "Roundup" was held last night, and the plans which the group made were well carried out.

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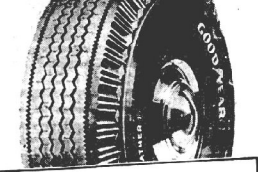
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BIRDS AND COLOR

By Bird Woman

We have recently learned that several artists in this area are painting birds, and we are very happy to know it, for in this way, more than any other do we find what a supreme artist-designer and colorist our birds are. Many say "I am not an artist" and do not have to be to study and enjoy the beautiful handiwork of our wonderful Creator. Most of us can sketch enough to shape a bird so it can be recognized, but if one just takes colored crayons and tries to put in all the streaks and dots and fringes and the tiny hair lines, he will soon find out that it is almost impossible to get them true and in the proper places. Did you ever study the feathers that can be picked up from the ground where they fall from passing birds? It is amazing to find the different designs on the different feathers, some will be a plain color with a half moon of white or black some place on it, and we wonder how that feather can possibly come from any bird.

Another way just be tipped with a contrasting color, another may have dots or stripes placed at different angles, no two will be identical and yet each has its place, and the design would not be complete without it. Some birds have very vivid colorings, and especially in the tropics there are some very exotic birds, with quite a combination of colors, but none of these colors clash with the others, the shade and hue of each color harmonizes or contrasts in a perfect accord so that even those who are watching to be critical cannot

find room to criticize.

We have a native bird which we think is as colorful as any bird we have seen and although it would be difficult for us to try to combine the same colors in harmony, this bird changes its covering at least twice a year, besides the gradual dropping out of old feathers and replacing them with new, and never changing the design or color of any part. Let us give you the coloring of this bird and take your brush or crayons and see if you can combine these colors without any of them clashing, and with the result being a beautiful bird. Let us make the bird about the size of the English Sparrow, paint its head and neck a vivid rose blue, and about half way back on the body, on the back of the bird paint some short feathers with the color shading from yellow to pale green, then finish the body to the tail with tomato red, putting the wing and tail blackish. Then dip into the same red paint again and paint the whole underside of the bird, from bill to tail that vivid tomato red.

What kind of a creature do you have? Is there any clashing of colors? We have often had this bird come to our feeder and we have had others say that they have seen them also although they are a bird of the small bushes, and outlying areas yet during the time when our Mulberry trees were full of fruit and birds, they would come for fruit and to the bird baths for water and eventually follow the other birds to our feeders. This bird we have described is the male of the species, and as the general rule, is the handsome member of the family, the female

being a non-descript, grayish green, very modest looking in comparison to her flashing husband. We wish to repeat, what we have written before, that Ornithologists think that the reason the species is so undervalued, that her coat was given her to camouflage her from the predators that are so abundant in the bird world, as she must lay the eggs and brood them and help care for them, many times while the male takes no responsibility at all. It is very satisfying to have one come out in defense of the female! We can see how this specific bird was planned by the wonderful Creator, as were all others, and no one yet has found these vivid feathers on the female, or the prosaic coloring on the male.

Still we have Scientists (so called) who tell us that birds were once Reptiles with scales and gradually worked themselves up to birds with feathers. But those who have made a study and not a wild guess say that studying the bones of birds they find that they were built for flying! and many good suggestions taken from birds have been used by people making flying machines. Perhaps you have guessed the identity of this bird described, if not it is the Painted Bunting. Perhaps the Parrot suspicion all other birds in color, although there are many whose plumage is more fancy and lacy, the Crowned Pigeon of New Guinea for instance wears a head gear more elaborate than any Friar's donna ever could even imagine, and it wears it with grace and humility, unassuming that it is so elegantly attired, yet each time it changes its feathers they come



A PORTION OF THE CROWD at Donaldson Park Beach watching the big Holiday Water Show. The Lake Veda which featured a huge float-A-Rama, boat-kid marathon races and the popular Bradenton Ski Club Show, all presented as one in the series of "Chamber Presents" of the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce.

back with the same beauty, without any effort on its part. The Parrot's feathers are not so lacy but compare favorably with even the jay or Mocker in texture, but their coloring is exotic, they range from the Golden color with red on their head (in Mex. and Argentina) to all combinations of green, red and yellow.

Then we have the elegant Cockatoo with crests, and unusual coloring, which ranges from the white sulphur-crested cockatoo found in Australia, to the Pink Cockatoo also found in Australia, and other combinations of color. This brings us down a little nearer home to the Parakeet which many people have in their homes and which can be easily studied, the tiny stripes and dots always placed in the proper place, we do not see dots where striped belong, even they are constantly losing feathers and replacing them, and when we see the fallen feathers we wonder just what part of the birds body it came from, and try as we might, we could not find the place in the design of the bird to replace it.

There are so many wonderful things to study about birds and color is just one of them, but the point we are trying to make is: We have a wonderful Creator, who fashioned the birds, as well as everything else that is in this world, and we are constantly reproducing themselves through the centuries, with every line and color exact. Study if you will, the picture of the male Wood Duck, one of our native ducks which remains with us through out the year, our most accomplished Artist could not visualize and paint a more beautiful duck, with so many colors and arranged in such an artistic manner. The white stripes on the head being tiny hair lines, set off the darker color of the head, and the wider white stripes around the neck with a stripe of the same width coming up to meet the small line on the top of the head and separate this darker color from the "henna", or brownish red of the front part of the chest.

Then a small line of white, then another of black separates this chest color from the light underneath of the bird, until it reaches almost the end of the body and then this same chest color is repeated, and the tail and part of the wings give off a bluish color, with more white streaks outlining the wings. Does this sound complicated? If it does, how would you like to have the job of replacing these feathers once or twice each year? Yet we have never talked to any one who is familiar with this beauty, who has ever found a stripe on a feather out of place, and the white and black and henna on the bill is always in harmony with the coloring of the body. Have you ever seen a Red Wing with the red spot that is

so vivid and colorful on the shoulder, misplaced and being on the breast or on the top of its head?

Then we have the Sparrow Hawk which we see on the telephone poles during certain seasons, as well as being of great economical value to us and interesting to watch, they are of almost incredible beauty, with their different colors and shades and the numerous hairs and stripes which would be very difficult to even copy with a brush or crayon, still after each moult the same feathers are replaced without a stripe or bar out of place.

There is no end to the beautiful birds that could be described, but we are afraid that there is an end to our reader's patience. So we will close by repeating that our wonderful Creator, besides all of his wonderful things he has created for us to enjoy, IS A WONDERFUL ARTIST.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tomak and their three children, Rocky, Sylvia, and Steve, spent last week at the beach in Sarasota enjoying the swimming, fishing, and sun. They visited their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Jerrill, on the weekend before returning home.

Go To Church on Sundays

Wedding Party Honored At Buffet Supper

A buffet supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alden Jones in Wauchula honored the Jones-Hill wedding party on Friday night, July 10.

The wedding rehearsal was held at the Lake David Baptist Church and the lovely supper at the home of the bride-elect's parents followed. Flowers of many varieties adorned the hall and added to the beauty of the lovely buffet table.

Guests were: Miss Antonette Jones, Benny Keith Hill, Larry Bond of Avon Park, Miss Martha G. Carver of Sebring, Miss Patricia Jones, Miss Merle Herndon and Miss Evon Platt of Wauchula, Glen Sharpe of Avon Park, Charles Yarn, Lemuel Yarn, Lester Seunard and Everett Hall of Wauchula, Dudley Branning, Donald Riden, Mrs. Vaughan Driggers, Mrs. Clayton Driscoll, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Branning and their daughter, Pam, Morris Jones, Mrs. Audrey Hill and Mr. Ed Sharpe of Avon Park.

In a sales talk, too much omission means not much commission.

Linda Smith Is Honored At Birthday Party

Linda Smith celebrated her fifteenth birthday with a ham-burger supper for some of her friends on Saturday afternoon and evening, July 11.

Summer flowers were used to decorate the tables and a large birthday cake with pink and green layers and colorful decorations centered the table. Ham-burgers, slaw, pickles, chips, Coke, and birthday cake were served the guests by Mrs. Leo Smith.

After helping Linda open her many lovely gifts the girls enjoyed an evening of games and dancing. Helping Linda celebrate were Cheryl Watson, Anna Ziegler, Mary Pearcy, Frances Smith, Judy Martin, Diane Landrum, Connie Booth, Gloria Seibert, Alice Fritzel, Ruth Borden, Harriet Cowan, and Linda's cousins, Deana and Debbie Johns of Jacksonville and her sister, Sherry Smith.

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