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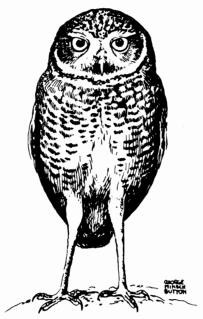
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1978 (FIFTY-THIRD) SPRING MIGRATION AND OCCURRENCE REPORT

Three Hundred species are listed in this report, from 17 localities. The comparitive figures for 1977 are 281 species from 13 localities; 1976 280 from 8; and 1975 290 from 11. Three of this year's species were reported only from Garden County, which began reporting last fall, and 3 others were reported only in one of the non-standard (one to four day periods) reports.

The symbols used in the tabulation are:

Ja, Fe, Mr, Ap, My, and Je for the months

A as a column heading for Dawes and Sheridan counties

B as a column heading for York County; within column A to indicate species seen in both Dawes and Sheridan counties

C as a column heading for Saunders County

D within column A to indicate species seen in Dawes County

S within column A to indicate species seen in Sheridan County

—S to indicate a species which was reported as remaining after 1 July

W- to indicate a species which was reported as present before 1 January

X within column B to indicate a species seen in York County.

x with a month when no exact date was given; within column C see Saunders County a,b,c,d,e,f,y, in Column C — see Saunders County

* in Garden County, see Garden County.

Two dates indicate the first and last records for the area. The information is presented in a rough west (left) to east (right) order, with areas of about the same longitude presented in a north to south order. The names of reporters (and of other observers, if known) and any special comments are given below in alphabetical order by counties. The number of species for each locality is shown in parenthesis. In making this count "Peep", Empidonax sp.", and the like are not counted if a specific species of that group is also listed.

Adams (123), Hastings; Miss Bernice Welch (reporter). The White-faced Ibis was seen by Mrs. Elsie Helzer and Mrs. Vlasta Butler while they were checking the lagoons.

Boone (126), Albion; Wayne J. Mollhoff (reporter).

Cherry (107), Valentine; Douglas L. Ballard (reporter). A number of the reported observations were made by personnel of the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, among them being the Greater Scaup, a single bird spotted in flight by the Assistant Manager, and the Peregrine Falcon.

Custer (78), Merna; Mrs. E.M. Kieborz (reporter). She noted that her records start with March.

Dawes (47), Chadron State Park; Mrs. Tanya Bray. Species marked B or D in column A are those seen by Mrs. Bray on 19, 21, 23, and 24 June. She also saw an Indigo x Lazuli Bunting hybrid, not separately listed on the report.

Douglas (and Sarpy) (239), Omaha, Gretna, and Bellevue; Mrs. Tanya Bray, R.G. Cortelyou, Mrs. Melba Wigg, Ruth C. Green, Loren and Babs Padelford (reporters), Rose Anderson, Evelyn Conrad, Mark Egger, Sandy Kovanda, Cathy Nelson, Andy Saunders, Gertrude Wood, and Audubon Society of Omaha. A Henslow's Sparrow was reported for 26 April from Plattsmouth, just outside the reporting area. The late Harris' Sparrow (9 June) was seen and heard singing by Tanya Bray, Sandy Kovanda, and Babs Padelford, about a mile east of the Two Rivers Recreation Area. Another was banded by Ruth Green on 10 May. Mrs. Green noted that there was a large migration of Black Terns on 12 and 13 May. A late flock of Snow Geese was seen over Omaha on 15 May, and a lone Canada Goose was seen flying over Lake 16 on 17 June (these two late dates were not included in the tabulation). The Piping Plovers were found nesting at Two Rivers, by Mark Egger. He thought that the Least Terns he saw there at the same time probably were nesting nearby, but he couldn't find a nest.

Garden (185 for the Refuge itself, and 3 more for the County), Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge; C. Fred Zeillemaker (reporter), Richard C. and Dorothy Rosche, Everett Russell, Melly Zeillemaker. An * in the top line is used to mark those species which winter in Garden County along the North Platte River (Lewellen and Oshkosh) but not in the refuge itself, and one in the bottom line to mark those which summer along the river but not in the refuge.

Hall, see Howard.

Howard (and Hall) (102), St. Librory, Grand Island, and Shelton; William Schleicher (reporter), George Stoppkotte, Reva Headley. The Scarlet Tanager was seen in a canyon south of Cotesfield, while Mr. Schleicher was there on a field trip with another leader and 18 school children. On 8 June Mr. Schleicher and his sons Tom and Dave saw the Tanager in the same place. On 11 July he saw it again, but on 7 August he could hear it but not find it.

Lancaster (168), Lincoln; Ralph Harrington, Dr. Norma Johnson, Mabel B. Ott (reporters), Mark Egger. Ralph Harrington wrote that he had seen Yellowlegs, Wilson's Phalaropes, Pectoral Sandpipers, and many, many White-rumped Sandpipers at the North 27th Street ponds and at Ceresco flats well into June. He presumed that many of them were nesting because they stayed so late and because of the way they acted. The Phalaropes would keep circling him and crying out whenever he got near. He had never seen shorebirds stay so long, and thinks the reason is that there had been lots of rain and the ponds and basing filled up, so there was water anf food for them. A friend, who likes to photograph birds but needs help identifying them, showed him some photographs that he (Mr. Harrington) is sure are of a pair of Blue Grosbeaks, although Mr. Harrington has never seen Blue Grosbeaks in the area. Dr. Johnson could not find the nest of White-eyed Vireos. Mrs. Ott mentioned the numbers of Common Redpolls around Branched Oak Lake, and that there were more Snow Buntings than usual there.

Lincoln (147), North Platte and Hershey; Mrs. W.H. Cunningham for the Tout Bird Club, Mrs. M.A. Cox (reporters).

McPherson (56), Tryon; Mrs. Oona S. Bassett (reporter). Mrs. Bassett is not on the ranch in the winter, but she reported that the folks there said that there were many Snow Buntings, and they were quite tame. The Scott's Oriole was seen in the yard, and was identified on the basis of its black head and wings and yellow body. (A Scott's Oriole was present at the Stoppkotte farm, near Grand Island, for a month in 1975. NBR 43:64. — Ed.) Mrs. Bassett also reported the largest hay crop in her 33 years on the ranch, and the most grasshoppers since the late forties.

Otoe (54), Nebraska City; Mrs. Cordelia Conkling (reporter).

Sarpy, see Douglas.

Saunders (17), Fr. T.A. Hoffman and Ralph Harrington (reporters). Father Hoffman wrote: The Creighton Jesuits have a cottage on a sand pit in Saunders County, near Morse Bluff on the south side of the Platte. I go out, usually on Saturday afternoons, with fair regularity. The following are the most interesting things I've seen:

- a Several flocks of Horned Larks, Lapland Longspurs, and a few Snow Buntings on 21 January. The flocks were along the highway west of Cedar Bluffs for several weeks ends, but normally the car was full of nonbirders, so we didn't stop to check the make-up of the flocks. A dozen Bluebirds and a Kingfisher at the area near the cottage (as are all the other records) on 11 February. The Bluebirds stayed through March.
 - b A singing Phoebe on 1 April.
- c Six Swainson's Hawks, a Broad-winged Hawk, 5 Turkey Vultures, 20 White Pelicans on 8 April.
- d Piping Plovers, 1 on 29 April, 2 on 20 and 29 May, and 1 on 17 June. From 20 May on they acted like breeding birds, running down the road ahead of me as if to lead me away from a nest. I never saw either nest or young.
 - e A Little Blue Heron in transition plumage was seen on 6 May
- f Least Terns were seen either over the Platte or over the sand pits and dunes on 20 and 29 May and 17 and 24 June. On the latter two occasions they objected vehemently to my presence near the dunes. The numbers increased from 2 in May to 4 and then 7 on the last sighting. I saw no signs of nesting, but they were diving too vigorously for me to give much attention to the ground.

Ralph Harrington reported some species from Saunders County which he didn't see in Lancaster County; x is 10 April and y is 30 April.

Scotts Bluff (141), Scotts Bluff and North Platte National Wildlife Refuge; Mrs. Roy J. Witschy and C. Fred Zeillemaker (reporters) Lydia Bolz, Helen Brecht, Mrs. Rosina Hilpert, Alice Kenitz, Everett F. Russell. Mrs. Hilpert and her sister Helen Brecht saw the Whooping Crane in the Lake Minatare area: a very tall white bird, with black wingtips and a red head. The Witschys had a good look at the Empidonax species in their yard, and are pretty sure that it was a Willow Flycatcher. The Purple Finch was seen on the Witschy's window feeder. Mrs. Witschy commented that they had never had so many Pine Siskins and Goldfinches at their feeder before.

Sheridan (56), Mrs. Tanya Bray. Species marked B or S in column A are those seen by Mrs. Bray on 17 and 18 June.

Sioux (139), Mitchell; Helen (reporter) and David Hughson, plus observations made by Mrs. Tanya Bray in northern Sioux County on 20, 21, and 22 June. Those observations which were in addition to those reported by the Hughsons are shown as 21 June. Mrs. Hughson saw the Cerulean Warbler about 4:30 in the afternoon, and watched it bath and feed with a flock of Orange-crowned Warblers for about 30 minutes. The Magnolia Warbler was seen in the tree in front of their house by Mrs. Hughson and her sister-in-law, who is also a birder.

York, (50), Mrs. Tanya Bray (reporter), Babs Padelford, Sandy Kovanda. These are birds seen 19 May in York County on a trip to see the Buff-breasted Sandpipers on Lee Morris' farm.

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NOTES

ALBINOS. Norris Alfred and I were birding in mid-August 1978 and saw a white Brownheaded Cowbird in with a large flock of ordinary ones. This was unusual enough, but a couple of days later, while I was mowing alfalfa, Barn Swallows were swarming around me, catching insects, and among them was a white Barn Swallow. It stayed around until I finished and then came up in the yard and perched on the light wires. These two sightings were within half a mile of each other.

-Lee Morris, Benedict

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FLAMMULATED OWL? On the night of 30 June 1978 I heard what I believe to have been a Flammulated Owl in the ponderosa pine woods at Chadron State Park. Thouth the bird hooted only for about two minutes, it sounded good — a long series of soft, medium-pitched "hoos" in a monotonous progression. I am familiar with the calls of most of the North American owls, including Pygmy and Saw-whet, and it matched none of these. Though Peterson's recording of Flammulated Owl was a bit higher-pitched, tone and sequence were identical. The area of the Pine Ridge seems to be excellent habitat for this species, and I don't know why it wouldn't be present.

— Mark Egger, Corvallis, Oregon

If Mr. Egger's assumption is correct this would be a first record for Nebraska. There are records from the Rockies and their eastern foothills.

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COMMON LOON. There was a Common Loon on the pond north of my son Jim's place. From 1 June until 10 June 1978 I saw it nearly every day. It stayed right by the road in a water reuse pit in "the basin". It was very tame. It was in winter plumage, and I presume a young one.

— Lee Morris, Benedict

IBIS AND GODWIT. On 23 April 1978 Warren and Eileen Paine and my wife, Marian, and I saw 2 White-faced Ibises and a Marbled Godwit at Funk Lagoon.

—George W. Brown, Kearney

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PARTIALLY ALBINO RED-TAILED HAWK. On 20 October 1977 we saw a white Redtailed Hawk in a dead tree at the M.U.D. Cedar Island plant on the Platte River. The bird was all white except for black speckling on its back and a faded red tail. We observed it from a distance of approximately 75 yards through a 25 power Bushnell scope for several minutes before it flew away.

-Loren and Babs Padelford, Bellevue

On 28 March 1978, at about 192 and Ida (northeast of Elkhorn), I noticed a large white bird flying low over the road ahead, away from us. As it swung up to light on a telephone pole cross-

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arm I could see the broad, white, expanse of its back and outspread wings, marked with several black spots, thumb-sized or so. My first reaction was "Snowy Owl", but the darkish hawk-type head and the reddish tip of the tail (like both Petersen's and Singer's illustrations for the Ferruginous Hawk) showed that it wasn't. Before I could get a good look at it in my glasses a car came along and the bird flew out to the north and perched in a small tree in a hedgerow, but moved on twice more before I got a good look at it, and then went down in a small valley in the middle of the section. I did not notice the "V" of the legs of a Ferruginous (but then I wasn't specifically looking for it, nor was I in a particularly good position to see it), and because of the darkish head I think it was a light Red-tailed. We drove around the section to try to find it, but

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didn't see it again, but we did see at least two Red-tails in normal plumage. This was about six months after the Padelfords saw their hawk, and about 20 miles NNW of where they saw it, but I wonder if it wasn't the same bird.

— R.G.Cortelyou, Omaha

AMERICAN WOODCOCK. On the afternoon of 1 April 1978 Steve Leeder saw an American Woodcock walking around in leaves in a wooded area at the intersection of Dodge Street and Highway 275. On 7 April we went with the Kovandas to the area, and at dusk heard

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the "beep" calls. We saw a Woodcock performing its courtship flights over a grassy meadow southeast of the intersection and heard the flight song until dark.

At 7:30 PM on 21 April we pulled into the parking area at Kaplan's Point (Lake Manawa, across the river in Iowa) and heard a Woodcock "beeping" and also heard the flight song. We returned with Jim and Sandy Kovanda and Clyde and Emma Johnson on the evening of 23 April. From about 7:30 to 8:00 PM we watched two Woodcocks performing their aerial displays in a field just south and west of Kaplan's Point parking lot. One bird was displaying in the east section of the field, the other in the west section. The songs were heard throughout the displaying. One

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bird passed within about 50 feet of the group.

-Loren and Babs Padelford, Bellevue

On 26 April, which was the first chance I had after I heard about the above sighting, I went to Kaplan's Point. I got there about 7 PM, sunset was 7:15. About 7:35 I saw a Woodcock fly up at about a 45° angle, going southeast from the west side of the field. It went up to about 50 feet or so, then circled and went roughly northwest, about parallel to the road, I lost it quickly in the darkness, but it looked like it was setting out for a trip, not to climb. I stayed until about 8 and saw no more Woodcocks. I heard no calls, but I miss a lot of bird calls.

- R.G. Cortelyou, Omaha

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BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPERS. Although the Buff-breasted Sandpiper isn't commonly seen in Nebraska by most birders, it is a very common spring visitor in my part of Nebraska, which is York County. They seem to be here every year, and if they are looked for in the right habitat and at the right time of year they can be found in large numbers. Don't look for them near the water; find a field that has been cleared of all vegetation and is being planted to corn with a furrow lister. The birds will flock to the newly-turned soil to feed on the worms turned up. At this time they are very tame and easily observed; sometimes they hardly get out of the way of the machine making the next furrows. Golden Plovers are also seen with the Buff-breasteds under these same circumstances but aren't nearly as tame. Of course, if I get off the tractor the Buff-

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breasteds aren't quite as trusting, either. Buff-breasteds are one of the later migrants and, although I have seen them as early as 1 May, the large concentrations usually don't arrive until 10 May or later and they stay until after 20 May for sure. I'm sure they are here longer, but we are usually done planting by then and unless I am planting I don't see them nearly as often. Lots of days there are several hundreds in the field I am working in. I don't know how large an area they cover in the state, but I do know from talking to other farmers that they are in this whole area. Most farmers are planting corn at the same time, and if they all have as many Buff-breasteds as I do (and I'm sure they do, from talking to them) there must be an awful lot of them migrating

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through here. They generally fly in large flocks, and like most sandpipers, they all turn and maneuver simultaneously. When feeding in the lister furrows they have a habit of at times holding one wing extended high in the air for several seconds. I suppose this is a courtship action. It is a very rewarding sight to watch large numbers of these birds at close range as they run over th lister ridges while they are feeding. As far as I can recall, I've never seen any Buff-breasted Sandpipers in this area in the fall. This doesn't mean they aren't here, but they surely aren't here in the great numbers they are in the spring.

- Lee Morris, Benedict

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in the middle of them was the Thrush. Both Harold Whitmus and Deon Bahr photographed the bird.

- Ralph Harrington, Lincoln

TOWNSEND'S WARBLER. Two recent sightings of Townsend's Warbler (Dendroica townsendi) were made on the Kearney State College campus by members of the Department of Biology. On 27 April 1978 two birds were observed by Clayton True and Stanley Longfellow. The birds were feeding in an Austrian pine. Another bird was seen in the same tree on 5 May by John

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C.W. Bliese and Stanley Longfellow. Whether the individual observed on 5 May was one of the 27 April pair is not known. The field markings given by two different field guides were compatible to those of the bird and an error of identification is not likely.

The Nebraska Check-list (1958) lists it as "accidental" on the basis of a specimen taken in Dawes County in 1911. The Nebraska Bird Review has reported it eight times in the past 13 years:

1965 Mrs. W.H. Nielsen of North Platte (NBR 33(1):66)

1970 Lee and Tom Morris, C.W. Huntley, and R.G. Cortelyou at the 69th Annual Meeting of NOU at Halsev (NRR 38(2):27)

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- 1971 Mrs. Clifford Kenedy, Adams County, 11 May (NBR 39(3):45 and 54)
- 1972 Don and Mrs. Jerry Sejkora, Perkins County, 17 September to 11 November (NBR 41(2):37)
- 1973 John C.W. Bliese, Kearney, 8 May (NBR 41(4):81) and the Sejkoras, Perkins County, 28 September (NBR 42(2):36)
- 1974 Mrs. J.J. Brashear, Scottsbluff, 8 September (NBR 43(2):34 and 39)

No listings of the species were found in the *Nebraska Bird Review* for years prior to 1965. Careful attention should be paid to detecting the species in coming years to determine if the status of the species is now one of more frequent appearance during the migration periods or

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merely a brief, but not unusual group of sightings that will not be repeated for several years.

—Stanley Longfellow, Kearney

. There are two other recent records which were not available to Mr. Longfellow: 10 September 1976 at Walgren Lake, near Hay Springs (Check-list of Birds of Northwestern Nebraska and Southwestern South Dakota, Richard C. Rosche), and three netted at Crescent Lake NWR, reported by C. Fred Zeillemaker (NBR 46(2):31 and 34).

AN UNCOMMON GRACKLE. As we (John and I and our son-in-law Morelle Herzinger) drove into the parking lot on the east side of Wagon Train Lake in the afternoon of 26 March 1978 we saw a lone grackle feeding along a row of small trees (mostly willows), a few feet from the

water's edge. Closer examination showed that it was not a Common Grackle, although it was of that approximate size. (Female Boat-tailed and Great-tailed Grackles are about 4 inches shorter than the males, making them about the size of Common Grackles.) The back and top of the head of this bird were brown, not black, and the underparts were buffy-brown with the throat noticeable lighter. There was a light buffy-brown stripe above the dark eye. The profile was like that of the female Boat-tailed Grackle pictured on page 989 of the October 1975 issue of American Birds. We watched this grackle in good light for about 10 to 15 minutes, with binoculars and without, at a distance of about 20 feet, but until I see another grackle that I am certain is a female Boat-tailed or one that I am certain is a female Great-tailed I will not make a positive identification of this bird.

- Mabel B. Ott, Lincoln

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RINGED TURTLE DOVE. On 19 August 1978 Everett and I saw a Ringed Turtle Dove here in Crete. The people in whose yard it is say that it has been around for about four months. On 21 August the Diggs, of Hamburg, Iowa, and the Otts,of Lincoln, saw the bird and verified our identification.

-Mildred Gross, Crete

1977 CHRISTMAS COUNT. Seventeen White-throated Sparrows should be added to the Lincoln figures for the 1977 Christmas Count (*NBR* 46:11).

YELLOW-BELLIED FLYCATCHER. On 1 June 1978 I caught a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in my mist nets at Camp Wakonda, at the south end of Fontenelle Forest. This bird was a female with a large brood patch, which indicates that it was nesting in the area. I saw this bird in a nearby tree several times throughout the day, and again on 5 June, in the same tree. This species is listed as an uncommon migrant both in Nebraska and in Iowa, and as far as I know this is the first time this species has been reported here past migration, and certainly the first indication of nesting here.

On 20 August I caught and banded an immature Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in Jewel Park, Bellevue, about a mile south of Camp Wakonda. This is further confirmation that they nested in this area

- Ruth Green, Bellevue

CERULEAN WARBLER. On 13 July 1978 we were banding birds in ontenelle Forest and caught a female Cerulean Warbler in a net which was by the pool of water on the north side of the railroad crossing. While she was in her post-breeding molt and pin feathers were very prevalent over her body, her identification markings were quite clear. The blue head was very clear, as was the faint eye line. Her white throat was definitely distinguishable. Her large brood patch told us she had nested in the Forest. It was a first for us to have seen, as well as the first for us to band. We are told that it is the first definite proof of a pair nesting in the Forest. She is now wearing band number 1460-77470. Mrs. Robert Peterson and Ruth Green, of Bellevue, and John and Mabel Ott of Lincoln were with us at the time.

- Hazel and Fitzhugh Digs, Hamburg, Iowa

1978 Fall Field Day

The 1978 Fall Field Day was held in Lincoln on 1 October, in conjunction with the Audubon Naturalists Club of Lincoln. A get-together for early arrivals was held Friday night at the Harrington home. The morning was spent in Wilderness Park and the afternoon at Branched Oak Lake. It was a bright fall day, but a little on the windy side (gusts reached 35 mph in the afternoon). Probably over forty people participated during part of the day. Seventy-eight species (maybe one more, if any of the Meadowlark sp. were Easterns) were tallied during the day: Piedbilled Grebe, White Pelican, Double-creasted Cormorant, Green Heron; Canada and Snow Geese; Mallard, Gadwall, Pintail; Green-winged and Blue-winged Teal: American Wigeon, Northern Shoveler, Ruddy Duck; Red-tailed, Swainson's, and Marsh Hawks; American Kestrel, Ring-necked Pheasant, Sora, American Coot, Semipalmated Plover, Killdeer, American Woodcock, Common Snipe, Lesser Yellow-legs; Pectoral, Baird's, Least, and Semipalmated Sandpipers; Short-billed Dowitcher; Ring-billed and Franklin's Gulls; Rock and Mourning Doves; Great Horned Owl, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Common Flicker; Red-bellied, Red-headed, Hairy, and Downy Woodpeckers; Eastern Phoebe; Bank, Rough-winged, and Barn Swallows.

Woodpeckers; Bank, Rough-winged, and Barn Swallows.

Blue Jay, Common Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, White-breasted Nuthatch; House and Long-billed Marsh Wrens; Gray Catbird, American Robin, Water Pipit, Starling, Warbling Vireo; Orange-crowned, Nashville, Yellow-rumped, and Black-throated Green Warblers; Common Yellowthroat, House Sparrow; Western Meadowlark and Meadowlark sp.; Yellow-headed and Red-winged Blackbirds; Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Cardinal, American Goldfinch, Rufous-sided Towhee; Savannah, Le Conte's, Sharp-tailed, Lincoln's, Swamp, and Song Sparrows. And two others — Bell's Vireo and Black-billed Magpie — were reported by participants coming in from the west, that morning.

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