

each side open so a hay wagon can drive through. The roof runs from end to end and is shingled and the gable ends weatherboarded. As hay was plentiful last year this barrack was filled, the hay being pushed in under the roof completely up to the peak and then the center third was filled up as high as it could be pushed under the eaves. One of the short gable boards however, had come loose and fallen off leaving an eight inch space from the peak of roof to the plate. In settling, the hay left a space of about three feet under the roof, and on the highest part of this I found the young, huddled close together with no attempt at a nest, and beside them half of a rabbit, which had been there the day before (10 A. M.) when my informant found them. They were about two feet in from the weatherboarding opposite where the board was off, which afforded entrance for the old birds.

The barrack stands out in the open, no trees near it, and about half-way from the orchard to the woods which are about one-third of a mile apart. The situation was unusual also as the young were not over twenty four feet above ground all the previous nests I had seen being high up in large trees, and nearly all in Red-tailed Hawks nests of the previous year, and more or less in the center of a piece of woods.

Mr. Nicholas Parker who owns this farm assured me that if he could prevent it, the Owls would not be disturbed until they saw fit to move out. Under the eaves of his barn are still the nests of the Eaves Swallows mentioned in the April, 1925, 'Auk' as being found there last year. The farm is about twenty miles from the centre of Baltimore city, and slightly east of due north in an air line.—FRANK C. KIRKWOOD, *R. 3, Monkton, Baltimore Co., Md.*

Strange Behavior of Great Horned Owl in Behalf Of Young.—While observing bird life March 21, 1925, near Church Creek, Md., a nest of the Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus virginianus*) containing three half-grown young was found. The nest was an old one of the Red-tailed Hawk placed in the crotch of a pine about fifty feet up and quite exposed. As I was climbing the tree to examine the young, which were visible from the ground, I heard short wailing notes to one side and arising apparently from the ground. The notes were unknown to me and I was at a loss to identify the author. When about thirty-five feet up, I was surprised to see one of the Owls half running and fluttering some fifty yards away on the floor of the woods with wings outstretched and uttering the notes that I heard a few moments before. Occasionally the bird would stop, beating first one wing and then the other, as though wounded. Twice the bird left the ground perching in the tops of nearby trees and then the well known "hoot" was heard, which is the usual form of protestation. In each instance, after a few moments' inspection, the bird returned to the ground and continued the fluttering actions which lasted while I was in the vicinity of the nest.—RALPH W. JACKSON, *Route No. 1, Cambridge, Md.*