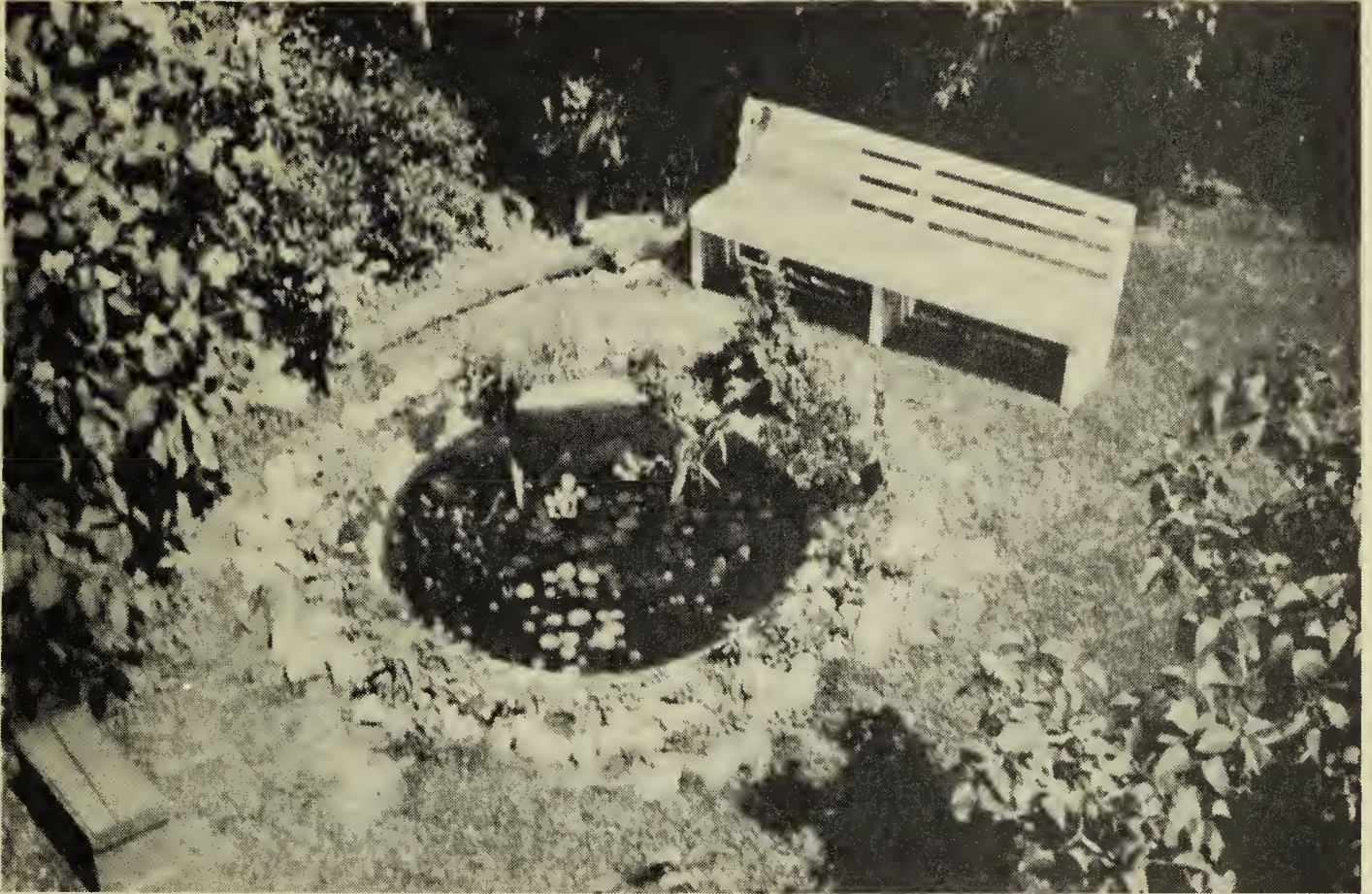


LILY POND

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We have a lily pond in our back yard that gives us much pleasure. For years we have been familiar with all the garden plants, but aquatics were unknown to us. Now, Hyacinth, Water Iris, Parrot Feather, Floating Heart as well as the Lilies and Gold Fish are a never ending source of interest.

The birds enjoy the pond too, especially the Robins, who find the moss that borders the pool good building material.

If there is a corner of your garden just crying out for a lily pond it will be well worth your while to build one.

The Hawk and the Sparrow

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Visiting a grove of trees with a little party of school friends, we found a Swainson Hawk's nest containing two young ones, so we decided to photograph them. Climbing the tree, these were handed down and again replaced in the nest. One little girl member, up the tree, insisted there were more than two "she could hear them," but this was laughed off by the others. It was decided that we return another day to band them. Our girl member did the climbing and let the hawks down in a basket—then out of her pocket

came the proof that there were other young ones up there.

We had heard of the Arkansas Kingbird having its nest in the side of the Swainson's Hawk's nest—this time it was the sparrows. Looking up we could plainly see the sparrow's nest in the underside of the hawk's nest, apparently living peacefully together.

On both occasions of our visit we noticed the well stocked larder, composed of mice and partly eaten rat. To show our appreciation of this companionship the fledgling sparrow was carefully restored to its nest. Again we noted the immense value of the hawks, and that of the owls to the agriculturalists in their partiality to the rodents of the fields, now that the coyote is vanishing from the scene.