Bird feeder at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Graham Peel Street, Acton.

# Need winter color? install bird feeder

Many home gardens look drab during the winter months. A bird feeder in the yard, near a convenient window, can add a touch of brightness as well as being interesting and educational.

During the early winter months, birds feed on the weed seeds in fields and back gardens. But as the snow piles up, these sources of food are buried. A feeder will attract many different birds such as blue jays, chikadees, cardinals, junkos, and possibly some that you haven't seen before.

A mixture of feeds helps the birds through the winter. Suet, raisins, any of the cereal grains, corn or sunflower seeds are bound to attract a wide variety of birds. There are also several mixtures of wild bird seeds available.

If you plan to set the feeder on a steel or wooden pole, make sure the feeder is about 6 feet off the ground. Squirrels also like the feeds and will "take over" your feeder. Steel poles are excellent to prevent this, since they cannot get a grip.

If you use a wooden pole, fasten a sheet-metal cone around the pole about 5 feet up, so they cannot climb any further.

Besides the interesting winter birds, your feeder will attract sparrows. Don't discourage them because they'll be around next spring eating insects and garden pests when things begin to grow again.

# Arrival of comet Kohoutek treat for sky watchers

Sky watchers in this area are in for the treat of a lifetime during the Christmas season with the arrival of Kohoutek—the comet of the century.

It will be clearly visible by Christmas Day and will be at its brightest a few days later as it passes to within 13 million miles of the sun. Named after its discoverer, Czech astronomer Dr. Lubos Kuhotek, the comet was discovered accidentally on photographic plates on March 7 of this year. Dr. Kohoutek was searching for asteroids between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter and the lost periodic comet Biela, when he discovered the stranger

At the time of discovery the comet was faint—visible only through large telescopes such as he worked on in an observatory at Hamburg, Germany. It was just inside the orbit of Jupiter, some 500 million miles from the sun. What alerted astronomers to the brightness of the comet was the fact at that distance it should not have been visible at all.

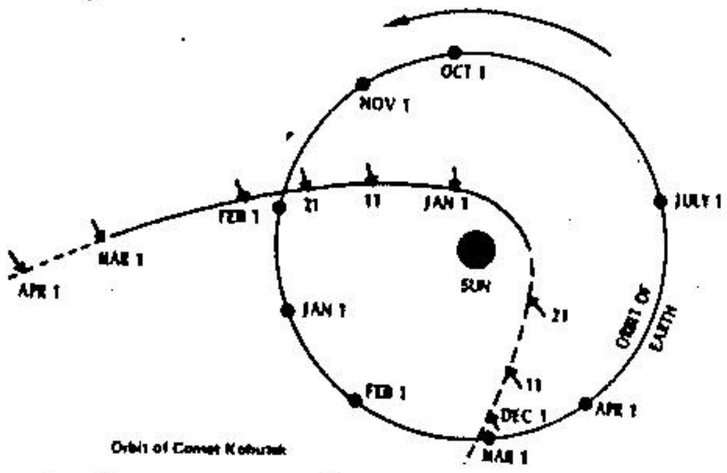
The best time for viewing?

An expert in the U.S. says it will be in the early evening between January 10-18, 1974 because at that time the full moon won't be visible; the comet should be well above the horizon and will probably be almost as bright as the planet Venus which will be the brightest object in the sky, slightly to the left and below the comet. Observers should look slightly to the right of where the sun has set.

Kohoutek's brightness will make it relatively easy to photograph. And because its path through the universe will probably not bring it back to our solar system for at least 82,000 years, viewers will be presented with a once in a lifetime photo opportunity for a few days in January.

A camera with a lens of f/4 or faster and which can be set up for time exposures with high speed film is a must. Set the camera on a tripod or other firm camera support, and don't forget to use a shutter cable release to eliminate as much movement and vibration as possible.

Try exposures ranging from 1/60 second to one or possibly two minutes. The reason for this procedure is that it is sometimes difficult for astronomers to predict precisely how bright a comet might be or how its appearance might change. Remember that because of the earth's rotation long exposures will cause background stars in your pictures to "trail" or streak. Also, exporsures longer than two minutes will cause the head of the comet to blur.




Orbit of Comet Kohoutek

# Too drunk jury says

A 59-year-old Cambridge man was found not guilty in county court at Guelph of attempted bank robbery.

Harold Kearns was charged Feb. 28 by Guelph provincial police with attempted robbery and assault after a man attempted to hold up the Erin branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

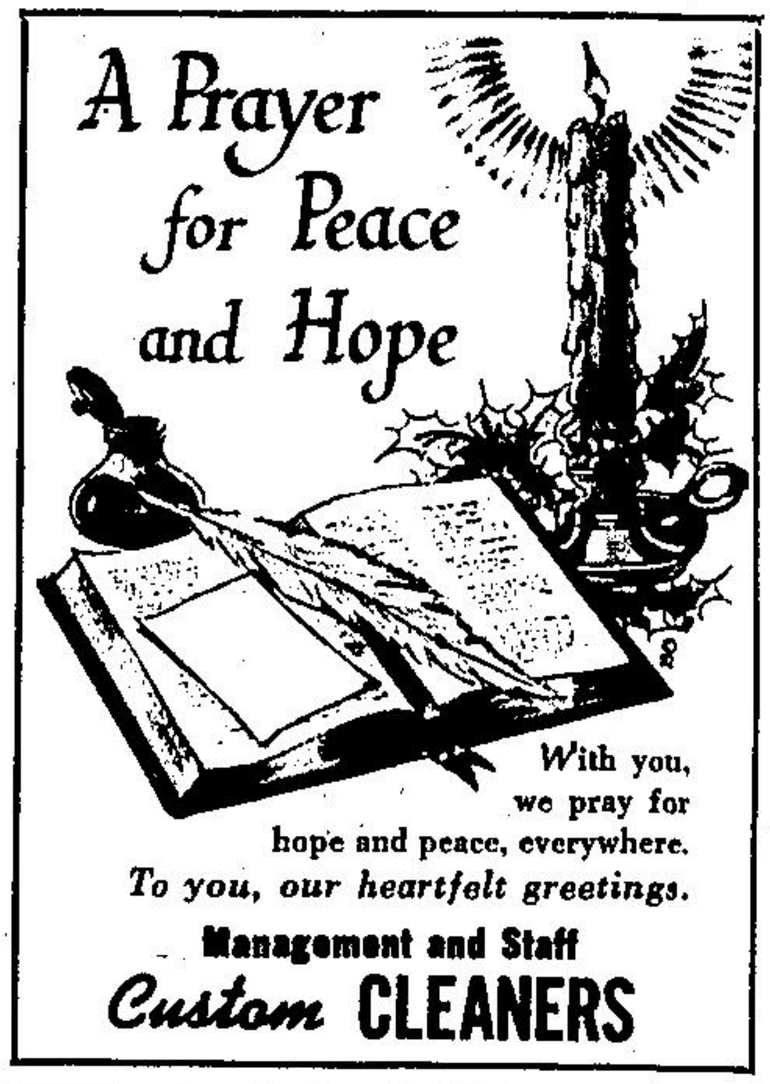
The jury found Kearns guilty of the lesser charge, assaulting the bank's accountant.

He received a three-month sentence consecutive to the 15-month term he is already serving for attempted robbery of a Cambridge bank. He was sentenced in August for the offence by Kitchener Judge J. R. Kirkpatrick.

The jury found him not guilty of the attempted robbery charge in Erin after several witnesses testified that Kearns was too drunk to establish an intent to commit the offence.

Michael Bean, Kearn's lawyer contested that his client was suffering from alcoholic amnesia at the time he committed the offence.

Kearns himself testified that he could not remember anything previous to being picked up by police in Orangeville.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