

## GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE

### CREATE SOMETHING UNIQUE FROM ORDINARY HOUSEPLANTS

A few creative touches can turn ordinary houseplants into something extraordinary. It doesn't require any special powers, just a few tools and accessories and a dose of patience.

Here is a few ideas to get you going, but don't stop here, let your imagination loose and create your own masterpiece,

\*Train long, trailing stems of hanging houseplants around a ring that is secured into soil. Once the stems grow and fill out on the ring it grows into a living wreath. This works well with ivy plants, Hoyas and Stephanotis.

\*A similar technique to allow a trailing plant to grow up a cork or bark pole inserted upright into a pot of soil. Plants that develop aerial roots (roots that grow out of the stem) are particularly suited to this because they will anchor into the pole. This creates a slender, upright piece of greenery. Aerial roots readily develop on Pothos and numerous varieties of Philodendrons.

\*A thin, fan-shaped piece can be made by weaving trailing stems through a short trellis. Ivies are well suited to this treatment.

\*Topiary-like plants can be created from indoor plants too. Removing the bottom branches and/or leaves and then pruning the remaining head into a ball or other shape produces a formal topiary effect. As the head grows it will have to be occasionally pruned back into shape. Tall houseplants such as Weeping Fig, Covette, Citrus and Hibiscus work particularly well for topiary.

Each week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden show-place!

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## Swans safe and sound for the winter

Fairy Lake's most admired feathered inhabitants, the swans, have finally found their winter home, thanks again to the efforts of the Town's Recreation and Parks Department.

Parks superintendent Bryan Shynal explained to the *Independent/Free Press* that every year the swans are moved from their regular hangout on the lake's east end to the west end, where the water is kept free of ice.

However, the move this winter had been delayed until Tuesday because Town staff had to wait until the lake was sufficiently frozen in order

for them to walk on it to collect the swans.

"We get a lot of calls about this every year, when people see the swans still at the east end of the lake," Shynal said. "But we monitor the condition of the ice daily to make sure it is safe enough to walk on. Then our staff can go out and corral the swans and move them to the open water at the other end... We weren't able to do that until Tuesday."

The water is kept open by an aerator supplied by Smallwood Acres trailer camp which borders the west end of the lake, he added.

## VIP status at the library

The Acton and Georgetown public libraries are offering VIP status to discriminating patrons.

"VIP status" to library users means "video insurance paid," and signing up for this optional, annual insurance program will provide coverage against charges for physical damage to the videotapes you borrow.

The \$12 fee covers the borrower for a full year and represents a significant saving over the single transaction fee. Single transaction insurance will continue to be available for the occasional

borrower.

The VIP program also speeds borrowers through the checkout process without hassle.

Halton Hills Library board chairperson Jay Jackson notes in a press release that video use is the fastest growing library service. Both board and staff are anxious to protect borrowers from the high replacement costs of library tapes — anywhere from \$50 to \$500.

Insurance fees will create a pool of funds for the replacement of damaged tapes.

## Obituary

### Clarice Dolson remembered by many

Clarice Isabel Dolson died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Guelph Nov. 6 at the age of 86.

Born Jan. 21, 1905, at RR4 Acton, she was the daughter of James Stewart and Annie McLean. On June 25, 1928, she married William Harold Dolson, who predeceased her in 1976. They farmed near Georgetown until retirement.

Mrs. Dolson is predeceased by her parents, her husband, her only brother Alex Stewart, and sisters Hazel (Mrs. D. Leslie), Jean (Mrs. J.M. Steele), Bertha (Mrs. R. Cunningham), Eleanor (Mrs. J. Watkins).

She is survived by a sister Annie

(Mrs. G. Smith), nieces and nephews Jim and Shirley Cleave and family, Barry and Beth Cleave, Dorothy and Jack Hare and family, Joan and John Gagné; Doreen Nicklin, June and Lorne Doberthien and family, Gordon Cunningham, Jacqueline and Meb Blow, Diane Riddall and family, many cousins and numerous friends.

The funeral service was held at J.S. Jones and Sons, Georgetown, with Rev. Peter Barrow, minister of Knox Church, officiating. Interment was at Hillcrest Cemetery, Norval, where pallbearers were Jim Cleave, Barry Cleave, Gordon Cunningham and Bruce Hare.



The Red Cross has a new flag pole, installed by the Town of Halton Hills, at the entrance to the Cedarvale Park location of the Red Cross offices. Many people were unaware of the location of the offices, so a flag will be flown at the entrance, as a reminder. Mayor Russ Miller, Georgetown and Acton Red Cross President Riet Schenk and Vice-president Elaine Chatten were on hand recently to raise the new flag.

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The North Halton Distress and Information Centre is \$500 richer after five local choir groups donated the proceeds from their "Carolifest" held Dec. 16 at Knox Church in Georgetown. Choirs from St. George's Anglican, St. John's United, Sacre Coeur and Knox Presbyterian, as well as Georgetown Choral Society, pooled their resources for an evening of music. Judith Rasanen (right), director of the Distress Centre, accepted the cheque from Choral Society treasurer Sandra Patey and president Sid Miedema.

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### Georgetown Alliance Church

Main St. south of Maple Ave.

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Pastor Paul Little 873-0249  
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (all ages)  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Family Night Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### Christian Reformed Church

Trafalgar Rd.

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Rev. P. Stadt

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7:30 A.M. Hamilton CHAM 820

7:30 P.M. Burlington FM 108

9:00 P.M. Guelph CJOY 1460

and Mon.-Fri. Faith 20

5:30 A.M. Global TV Ch. 6 and 41

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Ladies' Coffee Break Tues. 9:30 a.m.

(Sept. through May)

### CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR

Anglican Church of Canada

537 Main St. Glen Williams

(Mountain & Main Sts.)

416-877-8323

Rector: Rev. Carol A. Skidmore, L. Th.

Sunday, January 5th:

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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Highway 7 West of Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown

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9:45 a.m. Christian Education

11:00 a.m. FAMILY WORSHIP

6:30 P.M. Evening Praise

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Ladies Coffee Hour -

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Family Night

Friday 7:30 p.m. Youth Alive

### St. George's Anglican Church

60 Guelph St., Georgetown 877-8044

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

EPIPHANY

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School/Nursery 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays 10:00 a.m.

Rector:

Rev. Thomas M.S. Kingston, B.A., B. Th.

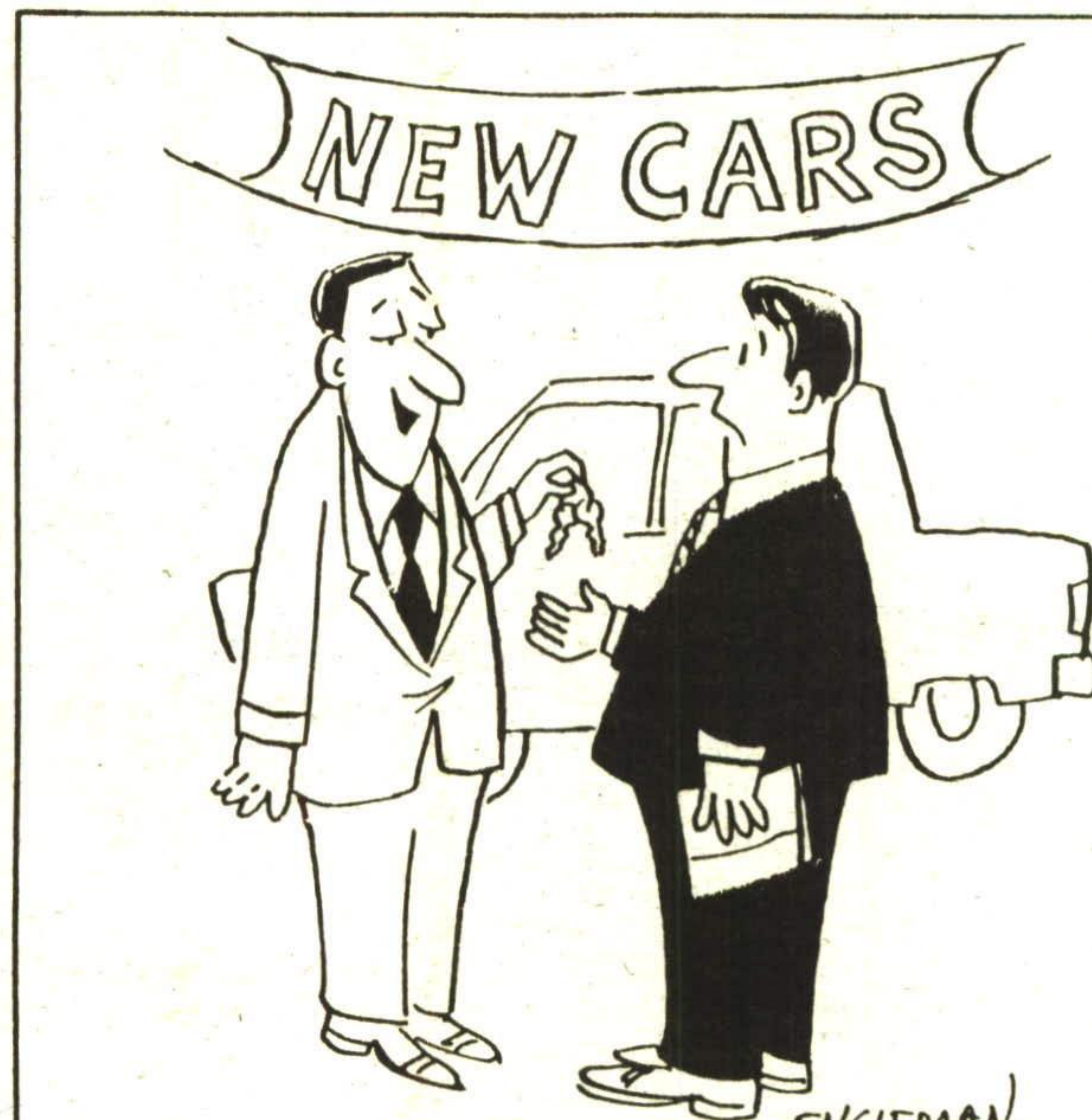
Pastoral Archdeacon:

Ven. John H. McMullin, B.A., S.T.B., D.D.

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Ms. Sharon Dutton, B.Mus., A.R.C.T.

Keith A.P. Nunn, Parish Youth Worker



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