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## Christmas Trees Are For The Birds!

the usefulness of your Christ- before it becomes solid, add ed enjoyment. Before the end of the 17th ting around each one, tie with the birds is rather like carrying of education in the Province of and several businessmen, all re-fore:

tions had merged. The Christ- Put these on the highest the New Year. mas tree of Germany and the branches. Dogs will make short Swedish custom of placing work of them if low enough to sheaves of grain on the roof- reach. tops for the wintering birds to Bits of pork fat, tied to the branches, will attract blue-jays,

Combined, the bird's feast tree nuthatches, and woodpeckers. came into being and became Bread, biscuits, cookies, and very popular. Throughout all bits of piecrust will please all

the countryside 'after Christmas birds. Trees' could be seen, decorated Doughnuts, even stale ones with garlands and bells of edi- hung on the branches, attract bles. Little homemade trays many feathered friends. Especwere tied to the branches and ially if smeared with peanut filled with seeds or table-scraps, butter mixture. Peanut butter Then, through the years, the alone, will choke birds. But charming custom of the feast mixed with a little cornmeal, it tree almost disappeared. How- is a favorite delicacy. Dabs of ever, now it is having a revival. the peanut butter mixture may

If you decide to have one, be also be put along the branches sure to place it in a promin- and trunk of the tree. ent place in your yard, where Aluminum foll containers you can see it from a window. from 'store bought' tarts or in-Just watching will bring hours dividual pies, make ideal feedof enjoyment. It is ideal for ing trays. Punch two tiny holes in the bottom, about one inch

entertaining a shut-in. First of all, make sure the apart. Put the ends of a piece tree has a good firm stand, One of wire through from the top of person, strongly influenced by the emotions". (Oh, way is to put the end of the dish, and twist tightly around oh . . . trunk into the middle hole of the branch. Fill with whatever a cement building block. Drive seeds or scraps you may have. a couple of wooden wedges in Barley, uncooked rice, and the hole beside the trunk to sunflower seeds will bring birds make it fit snuggly so nothing galore.

can tip the tree over. If you Birdseed mixtures, for feed- to varying degrees. (I allowed myself the luxury of haven't a used Christmas tree, ing wild birds, are available in biting one fingernail as I scanned the page). It just decorate a tree already all supremarkets.

Rolled dry oats appeal to growing in your yard. With a needle and long many species. Scatter it under Not only that, some traits were repeating them- Step-up discipline in the lengths of No. 10 thread, string the tree or put in feeder trays. popcorn, cranberries, and gar- Hang dog biscuits on the selves frequently! Could I reveal that much so classroom, den peas to make garlands to higher branches to attract birds easily? drape around the branches, instead of dogs.

Raisins, currants, and cubes of To make the feast complete, consisted of five typewritten pages. I did recognize cheese may also be threaded, put out a pan of water every These will attract chickadees, day. Otherwise, your feathered catbirds, and mockingbirds. It guests may have to fly quite a is best to let popcorn set two or distance for a drink. three days after popping. It Children love to make gar- traits. (I am deceiving myself Mr. Peckitt?)

becomes a little soft and threads lands to redecorate their Christmas tree. There is also an Beef suet balls appeal to most educational value as they learn birds and are easily made. Boil about birds and their habits. 1/3 cup of sugar and 1 cup of The effort it takes to deck water together for a few min- the tree will be repaid a hunutes. Melt 1/2 lb. of ground dred fold as you watch the suet and add to the syrup and birds feed. Trying to identify



#### Nature Notes

food and, in the process, scat-

with the squirrel. It is amazing

The Toronto Brodie Club

census was on December 27 and

they passed on to us informa-

it added excitement to the day

to try and find them. The Maple

After the survey we all met

at the Russell Tilt home where

unwittingly helps others.

#### Count 5,138 Birds In Annual Census

The 14th annual bird census stop when numbers of each by the Richmond Hill Natura- species are to be counted. The lists' Club took place last Sat- two at the Maple Research Staurday. This is part of the 71st tion, supervised by Charlie Weir, over-all bird census for the were the most exciting. The North American Continent. Our open water and plenty of everrecords will be sent to the green cover make the area a American Audubon Society and perfect winter haven. A very to the Kitchener-Waterloo Club well fed black squirrel eats an that complies all the Ontario atrocious amount of the bird

Why do we go to all this ef- ters a lot on the ground. This fort? Mostly because we are in- gives the tree sparrows and terested in birds and possibly Juncos a wide spread area to want an excuse for some winter feed without coming in conflict activity. It also provides an opportunity to take part in something useful. The actual value is to provide some numerical record of the number of birds for each species. It is not considered accurate but it is indicative. It provides information on the shifting of wintering areas of species; of large flucareas of species; of large fluc- Varied Thrush, A Snowy Owl, tuations in numbers within a three Glaucous Gulls and species and indicates where detailed studies of bird popula- The thrush and the Icetions may be necessary or ad- land Gull remained elusive but

For instance, a steady decline Bunny Snow's T.V. in the census records of the bald eagle and the peregrine falcon led to studies which proved conclusively that these species were having reproducspecies were having reproduc- ing, fighting gulls without even tion problems. The great abun-attempting an Iceland (anyway dance of the blackbird family it hadn't been back since the has been clearly shown in re- Brodie Census we found out AGS and ROGERS MAJESTIC cords over the years and, in later). contrast, the decline of the blue-

A bird census day adds up to everyone enjoyed telling of the a lot of work, some more and day's experiences. Gord. Macweather, depth of snowfall and most or the others consumed In the Mall, 250 Yonge St. N. driving conditions. This year vast quantities of food & coffee. provided better conditions than either of the two previous years. The westerly to north westerly wind was very light in early morning gradually increasing to 15 miles an hour by 4 pm. The temperature from 20 degrees to 38 was ideal and the mostly overcast sky was easy on the

The total number of birds counted was 5,138 and the total species, 49. This was the highest count ever achieved in this area. It was partly due to the excellent weather and possibly the addition of some new expert birders. The 15-mile area radius was the same. There were nine teams, totalling 38 persons. It took thirty-seven party miles on foot and 327 party car miles to cover the area. Birds seen for the first time: Pigeon Hawk, Snow Owl, Chipping Sparrow and White-crowned Sparrow. The Starling count almost doubled - the Maple Dump must be providing more than an adequate food supply this year! Northern shrikes, Flickers, Rough-legged and Sparrow hawks, Mourning doves, Downy woodpeckers and Cardinals were more numerous this year. Area three had the good fortune to observe a flock of 24 Cardinals, feeding on Yellow Birch seeds in one gully. A very memorable and unusual sight to remember. The winter finches were scarce

The many feeding stations certainly are the best spots to

farther north.

which might be an indication

that their food supply is ample

#### Tuesday Group Has Education Improvement Ideas

In The Spotlight

(Continued from Page 2)

tion, my attitude toward myself and others, and the

nature and extent of my fears." (Omigosh, what

results of his analysis and some of the ways he had

arrived at these conclusions. One of the tools in his

an "emotional responsiveness gauge." It divides

180° into thriteen specific areas by degrees. These

areas measure the angles, forward and back of one's

has shown a constant angle. Using information

gleaned with the aid of this gauge, Mr. Peckitt

When I visited Mr. Peckitt, he showed me the

had I let myself in for?)

in graphoanalysis.

A group of 12 male residents Minister of Education William ents develop after leaving sec-If you would like to extend stir. Let the mixture cool. Then, the different species is an add- of Richmond Hill meet Tues- Davis for his consideration. ondary school. days to hold discussions on a The Tuesday group includes Universities

mas Tree, you could give it to breadcrumbs, cornmeal, nuts, or The pleasure of having a wide variety of subjects. Re- two school inspectors, a school Many students are over-exthe birds. That's what they whatever you may have. Roll feast tree lasts all winter long, cently their meetings have dealt administrator, a teacher, a prof- posed to higher education which into balls. Wrap a piece of net- Providing shelter and food for with ideas for the improvement essor, an engineer, an editor they cannot assimilate. There-

Century, two Christmas tradi- string and hang on the tree. the spirit of Christmas far into Ontario. These ideas in concise tired. They are: William Mc- o Insist that an applicant must form have been presented to Leod, Tom Lamb, Reg Green, have high merit, a positive pro-Joseph Gibson, Harry Selkirk, fessional goal and the desire to Ralph Harris, Alex MacKay, reach that goal.

Duncan Smith, William Wagner, . Provide financial help only Allan Bales, Wes Ankenman and where it is needed.

Dr. Hardy Hill. In the covering letter to Mr. courses like General Arts and Davis it was explained that BA. there are two vital points:

1. The present educational Colleges system frequently lacks both . Colleges could provide gensound practical guidance and eral courses and grant diplodirection on the types of further mas in say two or three years. education within the scope of • The applicant would have scientific bag was a small, clear plastic card called each pupil.

2. A large percentage of the uncertain goals. students now at universities are • The student could move onto merely marking time at public university with credits if his expense and should not be latent talents develop sufficient-

handwriting. No sample of handwriting yet analysed In detail, the "Ideas for Edu- Vocational Schools tem" runs as follows: prepared what he called a "perspectograph." It was

a bar graph prepared from the angles of one hundred upward strokes. The first of his conclusions reached measures we offer the follow- his aptitudes are uncertain. from this graph was that I am "a subjective type Elementary Schools

He then produced a sheet with approximately others can understand them, eligible for university, five hundred check points out of which about one

hundred had notations beside them. These were traits which had shown themselves in my writing

seemed every flourish, each crossed "t", dotted "i" Include "Responsibilities to themselves and the Community" and unconnected letter had been accounted for. as a subject.

Secondary Schools In many schools guidance The part of the analysis I was given to keep seems haphazard. Therefore:

 Provide sound and practical myself in most of the notations - not all of them annual guidance through a qualfavorable - and it was amazingly accurate in my ified board of two or more by opinion. However some were definitely not my appraising each student's capabilities on an annual basis. Recognize that the latent As the very active president of the OCIGS, John talents can develop. would be happy to address any groups, organiza-

• Include the student and partions or individuals about the science of graphoents if possible when discussing analysis. He is currently working hand in glove specific career possibilities and with York University - analyzing students' writtell him why he should attend university, or college or take ing for achievement quotients. He adheres strictly vocational training or work as to the IGS code of ethics and maintains the professional standards it sets down. You may contact Explain how he can improve him at Box 1135, Stouffville, if you are interested

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May continue to Ph D. etc.

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cation Within the Present Sys- . The student has practical skills, or practical goals; alt-CORRECTIVE MEASURES | ernatively he may not know As part of the corrective what he wants to do or be or

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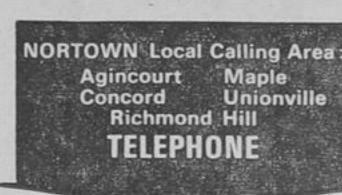
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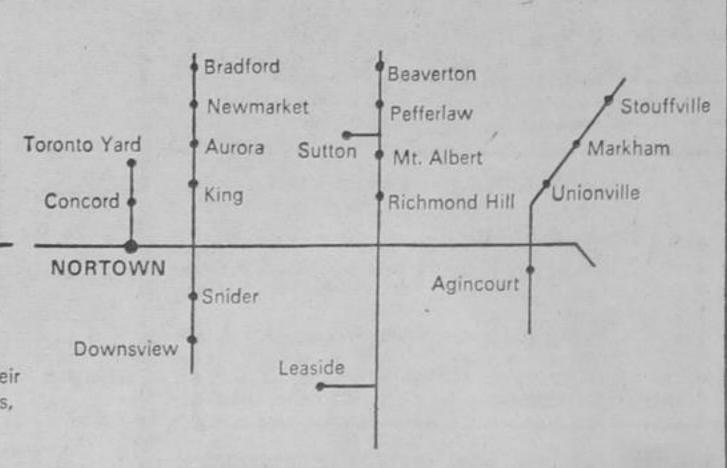
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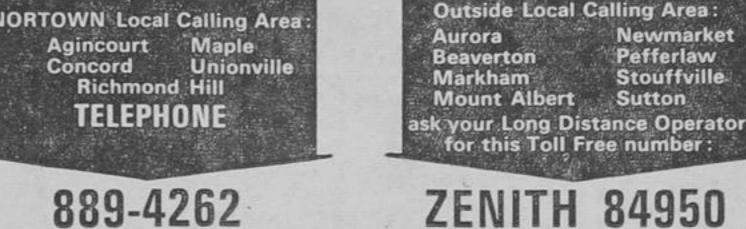


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