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Horticultural Society
A surprising feature of the Annual Show of the Thornhill and District Horticultural Society, in view of the long period of dry weather, was the excellent display in the floral sections, both specimens and decorative designs. This was larger than in many years, both in the number of exhibits and in the number of exhibitors, possibly a record. The quality too, despite the drought, was excellent.
In the floral specimen section the high point winner by a considerable margin was Marion Jarvie. Other winners who followed each other in close succession were: Joe Wain, Murray Smith, Evelyn Calladine, Kay Qually, John Mitchell, Margaret Riley, Mable Mizen, Lucille Pherrill, Ralph Whately, Rezin and Irene Steele, Katy Ackerman, Ethel Benson and Andrew Brumelis and Jack Manning (tied), Dilys Channey and Doris Butterworth (tied).

SPECIAL AWARD
The winner of the special award in this section went to Marion Jarvie for a spray of the floribunda rose, Europeana.

Forty-nine competitors, a record, entered the decorative design classes, providing imagination and artistic creations ranging from tiny miniatures to elegant table settings, complete with cloth, china, etc. The winners and themes in this section were:

"A Trip to the Orient" — a design in the Oriental manner — Marion Jarvie, Ethel Benson, Doris Butterworth.

"The Seashore" — using treasures from the beach — Marion Jarvie, Barbara Wade, Ina Meares, Betty Saito.

"The Cottage Country" — using materials from the highways and byways, including weathered wood — Evelyn Calladine, Marion Jarvie, Phyllis Bishop.

"Dinner at Eight" — a table setting on a 36" area with appropriate appointments — Marion Jarvie, Ethel Benson, Kay Qually, Evelyn Calladine.

"After the Auction Sale" — individual interpretation — Doris Butterworth, Evelyn Calladine, Ethel Benson, Barbara Wade.

"The Midway" — a design showing motion — Marion Jarvie, Evelyn Calladine, Kay Qually.

"Ontario Place" — a mod-

ern or abstract design — Evelyn Calladine, Evelyn Mitchell.
"Percy Bone Award" — a luncheon table arrangement — Betty Saito, Jack Manning, Ina Meares.
"Centre Island" — a water-viewing design (Novice) — Alice Taylor.
"Stag Party" — for men only — Rezin Steele.
"Tiny Treasures" — a miniature — John Mitchell, Doris Butterworth, the Steeles, Evelyn Calladine.

The award for the best arrangement was won by Marion Jarvie for "Dinner at Eight".
The juniors entered their competitions in good numbers with prizes going to: For "Beetles, Bugs and Butterflies" — an arrangement using flowers and any or all of the theme items — Holly Jarvie, Pam Wade, Rose Nishiyama, Serena Meares.
For "The Barbecue" — a buffet arrangement — Pam Wade, Judy Nishiyama.

VEGETABLE SECTION

The vegetable section appears to have suffered most from the dry weather. Overall entries were down by about a third from those of a year ago, with several classes not being represented by a single entry. Winners in order of points attained were: Murray Smith, Ralph Whately, the Steeles, Lucille Pherrill, Andrew Brumelis, Margaret Riley and Joe Wain (tied), Gina Tommasini, Katy Ackerman and Sue Nishiyama and Jack and Alice Taylor (tied), Mabel Mizen and Phyllis Bishop and Evelyn Turner (tied).
It was gratifying to those in charge to see a number of non-member visitors, both from the local area and further afield. One gentleman came down from Bancroft to see the show and discuss society activities with our members.
For both visitors and members the refreshments provided under the supervision of Debbie Bissell with assistance from Doris Butterworth and Sue Nishiyama and her daughters, were appreciated. So too were the bargains in fruit, vegetables and plants supplied by the plant sales committee — Norm Lightfoot and Jack Manning. Both report a very good business weekend.

Guides
Registration for the Brownies (Thornhill 3rd and 9th packs) and a new Guide group at Henderson Avenue

Public School was held Wednesday evening of last week.
Of Interest
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Henry who have lived on Elgin Avenue for 13 years, have now gone to Ancaster. Mr. Henry has recently retired.

Thornhill Baptist is planning a visitation in the district surrounding the church in the very near future.
The Sunday school Rally Day will be held on Sunday. Those attending are urged to bring their lunch and enjoy each other's company for a period of fellowship.

Thornhill Presbyterian is also holding a Rally Day on Sunday for the Sunday school at 9:30 am. This is for all classes. There will

be a guest speaker: The Reverend Anthony Capon from Scripture Union.

Registration for the Mothers' Break Program, which is held in Thornhill United, will be taken on Tuesday at 10 am in the narthex of the church.
The program itself will start the following Tuesday 9:30 - 11:15 am with "Keep Fit" and Discussions. On the Thursday at the same time, there will be crafts, bridge and coffee.
There are arrangements for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. There is a need for persons to be responsible for the child-care aspect. If you are interested please get in touch with Mrs. Judy Flow at 889-6807.

Thornhill's Cardinal Squirts Finish First

By MARG HOUGHTON

Thornhill Canac Cardinals, playing in the York Simcoe County League South Division for the first year, finished the regular season in first place, and meet the third place Claremont team in the semi-finals.

FIRST FLIGHT
In the first game of the series, played at the Grandview diamond, John Zubick's Squirts were victorious by a 4 to 3 score. Claremont got one run in the first inning, when Norton hit a hard shot to left and came all the way round when the ball got past the fielder. Claremont scored another run in the second inning on two hits.

Thornhill tied the score in the bottom of the second on three consecutive hits, the big blow being a double by Greg Pacek. In the third inning, Claremont loaded the bases with none out. Jonathon Angel struck out the next two batters, then Maillet lined a single to right to score one run. The

next batter was out, pitcher to first for the third out. The bottom of the third and top of the fourth were scoreless.

Thornhill scored two more runs in the bottom of the fourth on two singles, and two errors. The final three innings were scoreless as both hurlers pitched good ball. Claremont got a runner on in the sixth and seventh innings, but could not bring the tying run home.

GREAT PITCHER
Jonathon Angel pitched a great game, allowing nine hits, striking out seven, and walking five. He also had three hits in four trips to the plate. The two Claremont pitchers allowed seven hits, fanned eight and allowed no free passes.

Claremont left 11 men on base while Thornhill left only five men stranded. The second game was to be played in Claremont on the fifth, the third if necessary in Thornhill on September 10.

Last Budgie Episode As Blue-y Enters Cage

By MARGARET GOVAN
North Thornhill Correspondent

We had reached the point of being sufficiently familiar with our exotic bird neighbor who was making use of our feeding tray to name him "Blue-y". He had given up his regular three times a day visits, and was now coming very early in the morning and late at night and eating as if he were starving! Also he had become very nervous. We blamed the starlings!

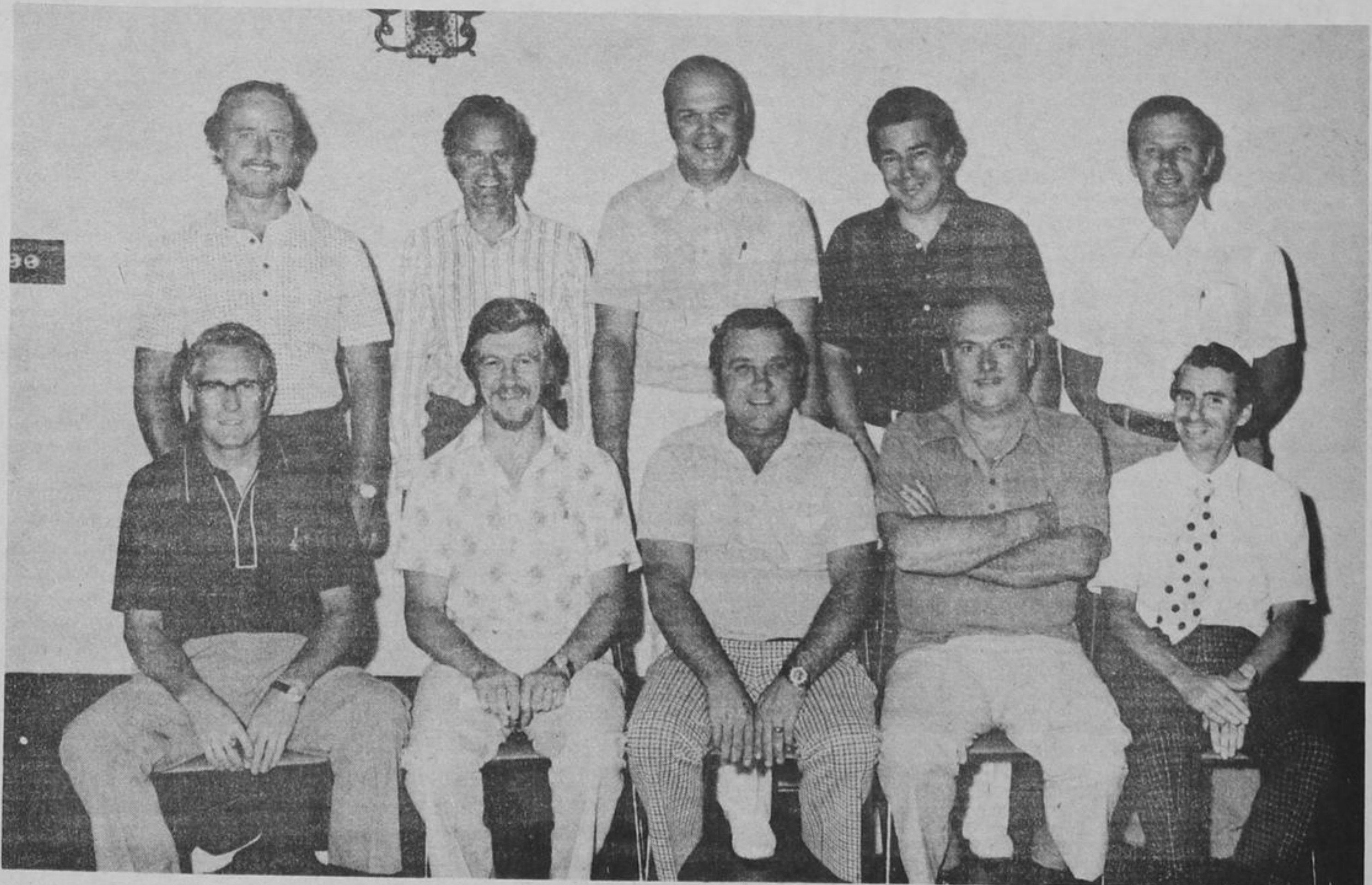
By this time we had borrowed a cage but all we had lured into it was a sparrow — just a house sparrow at that. But last Saturday morning "Blue-y" moved into the cage. Whether he was tired of being chased or the colder weather bothered him, we do not know. But he was quite content to have the door closed, and the cage carried inside.

Now he has gone to a new home which he approves of and his owners know about budgies. (I might add that one of our two dogs was delighted to see him depart. Penny does not believe in sharing any attention, and she considered the budgie a most unwelcome guest.)

I have heard more about lost and found budgies these last few weeks. One nice senior citizen who had moved into an apartment and was quite lonely, opened her window one day when a budgie was on the sill. He flew in and she has found him great company.

Two children wanted a pet in the worst way, but the parents weren't any too sure. Then a budgie suddenly arrived and nobody had the heart to refuse him a home. Somebody else lost a budgie and months later noticed a dirty little bird, species unknown, at her feeding tray. She took another look. It was her own budgie and he had come back with the intention to move in again. Needless to

say she was delighted. I do hope "Blue-y" is also content to stay in a cage again, and not look long at the tree tops! We miss him, but we are having warbler visitors, night hawks, and yesterday we saw a great blue heron making use of the Don.



Thornhill Thunderbird Coaches Ready For Action

The Thornhill Minor Hockey Association Thunderbird coaches gathered recently at a planning session for the 1974-75 OMHA season which opens in the first week of October. This year there is an expansion in the organization from nine to 12 teams.

Shown (left to right) they are: back row — Jim Davidson for the atom team, Don Roberts for minor atoms, Al

Morris for peewees, Jim Grant for minor bantam and Ron Briden for minor peewee; front row — Ed Marchant for bantams, Gord Thompson for second peewee, Bill Sim for midget, Al Stevens for juvenile and Les Buckler for second bantams. Absent are Ed Windsor of minor midgets and Joey Godier of second atoms.

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Nobel Prize Author Tells Story Of Ruthless American In Central America

BREAKFAST PASS — by Alistair Maclean. This popular author, long adept at inventing spellbinding plots and assembling interesting combination of characters, has set his latest story in 19th century Nevada. (Fiction.)
THE COMMON COLD AND COMMON SENSE — by Dale Alexander. Using material gathered from over 20 years of scientific research, the author presents a totally new understanding of the common cold, including nutritional secrets that the contents will prevent colds and promote overall good health. (Non-Fiction.)

THE GREEN POPE — by Miguel Angel Asturias. In this novel Asturias, a winner of the Nobel Prize for literature, tells the story of George Thompson, a ruthless American who founds a vast fruit empire in Central America. Thompson wrenches the land from the Indians, brings tragedy into the lives of two native women who love him, and finally becomes obsessed with a scheme for annexing the republic to the United States. (Fiction.)
SPINDRIFT, SPRAY FROM A PSYCHIC SEA — by Jan Bartell. Spindrift is the true story of a haunting, soon after Jan Bartell, actress, lecturer and poet, moved into a renovated townhouse in New York City, unseen things seemed to follow her and clutch at her in the dark. Then an appalling series of deaths began to occur culminating in the death of the author herself soon after the completion of the manuscript of this book. (Non-Fiction.)
VIRGINE OR THE DAWNING OF THE WORLD — by Joseph Majault. A taut suspense novel about the kidnapping of a little girl, and at the same time, a delicate poetic character study of the criminal and his appealing victim. A parable for any age — the story of a man in darkness being led by the hand of a little child. (Fiction.)
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Thornhill Nuisance Bell Raises Resident's Anger

A Thornhill resident is very annoyed about an alarm bell that has been creating a nuisance all summer at a construction site overlooking the Don River. So far all his efforts to have the nuisance removed have been fruitless.

Hoping a public airing of the problem may somehow bring a solution, Patrick Trant of 7802 Yonge Street wrote the following letter to this newspaper this week:

"If residents in Thornhill complain of a ringing in their ears or if they wake up early in the morning to the sound of an alarm bell, the ringing may have nothing to do with their hearing or with a faulty setting on a clock. It may be the bell mounted on a crane above a construction site overlooking the Don River at Yonge Street.

"The bell has rung intermittently all summer — often very early in the morning and often for long periods at a stretch. No one may legitimately complain about a device which protects prowlers and youngsters (who may wander on to the site and attempt to climb the crane or to tamper with electrical switches) as much as it protects the property of the developer. But when the device begins ringing somewhere between four and five in the morning and continues to ring without interruption until after 7.15 when the construction crew starts arriving for work) then residents in this residential community begin wondering what the bell is for.

"The speculations became a question on Tuesday, August 27. I remember the date because I left the house later than usual even though I was up before dawn. After two calls to the police who had heard the bell too but didn't know how to get it turned off, I had breakfast and walked across the road to the office on the construction site. The building superintendent on the site, Domenico Calderone, greeted me courteously but seemed oblivious to the

fact that his alarm had been keeping me awake for the best part of two hours or more since I don't get up before 7:30 if I can avoid it. No, the police had not contacted him. Yes, the police should have his home telephone number but, no, he himself had not given the police his number. No, his telephone number was not posted anywhere on the site where a policeman or a concerned citizen might call him in an emergency or in the event that his alarm were triggered by a crane snatcher, a raccoon or an electrical storm.

He told me why the bell had been installed, in some detail, but I never found out from him what the bell is for unless it is to scare the hell out of prowlers and to keep them scared until they have run clear out of the country.

"What irritates me and my neighbors about this alarm bell is that if it were mine or a neighbor's bell, it wouldn't ring for very long more than once. The offender would be firmly nailed for disturbing the peace and quiet of the neighborhood — and a good thing too. But it isn't easy to nail an amorphous entity like the Vincent Court Apartments. What I'd like to do is to rig that bell so that it rings for two-hour intervals in the early hours of the morning only in the ears of the building superintendent or his boss, whoever he is. That shouldn't be beyond the ingenuity of 20th Century building engineers.

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