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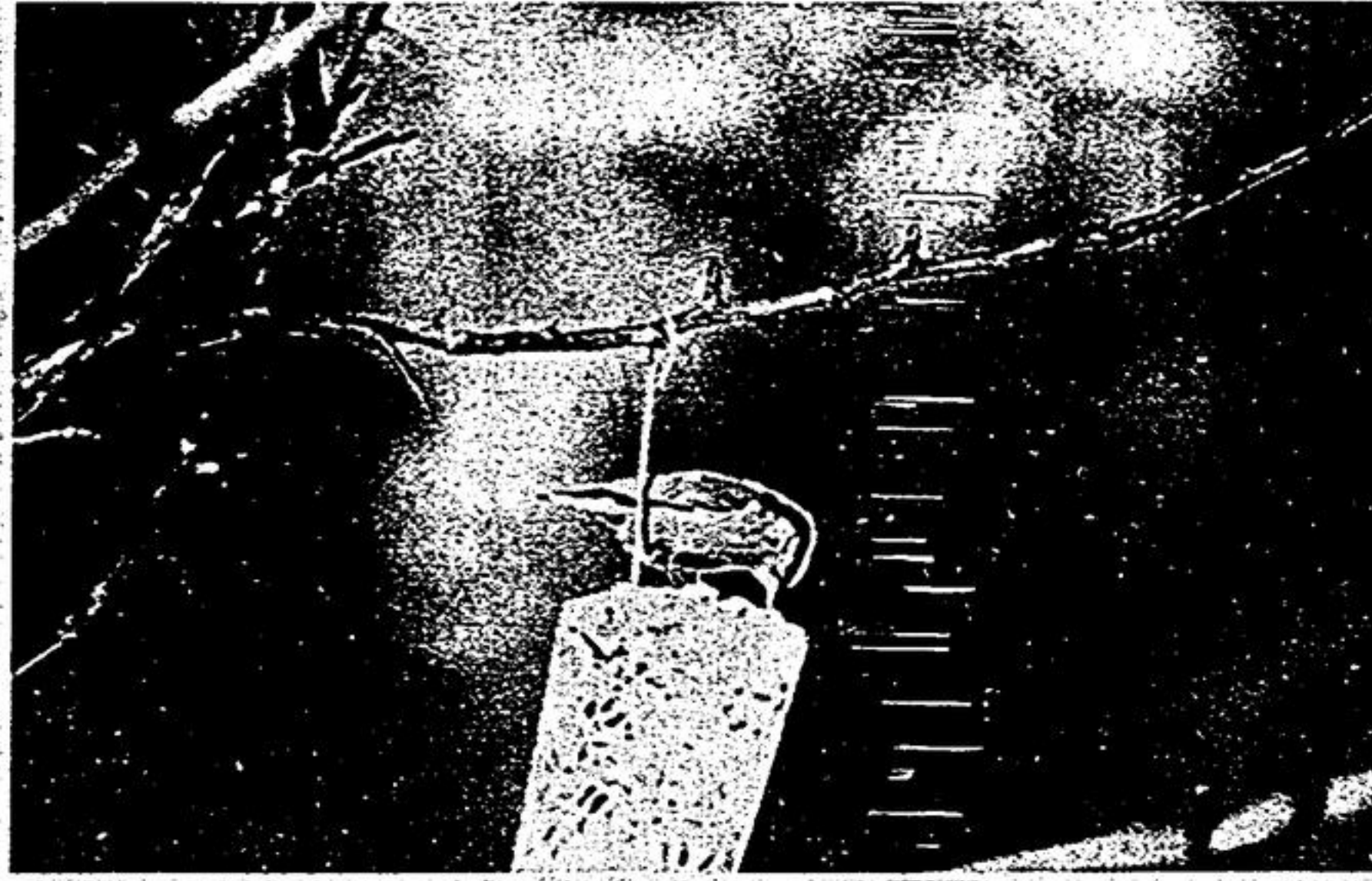
# Feeder attracted winter birds

With binoculars and camera

By Edge and Betty Pegg

**PICKERING TWP.** — The past winter will long be remembered by bird watchers for the abundance of winter finches. The influx began in early December, with evening grosbeaks and crossbills appearing at bird feeders. With the new year, came the largest movement of pine siskins and redpolls that we have ever seen. There is little doubt that the southward influx was due to the lack of seed bearing cones in northern districts.

Many people were puzzled when they saw siskins, redpolls, crossbills and red breasted nuthatches at their feeding stations for the first time. Others found the goldfinch in its winter plumage hard to identify. Perhaps this is the reason why so many people have been asking about books on birds and where to get them. The Federation of Ontario Naturalists have an excellent supply on all aspects of nature at their Nature Bookshop, 1262 Don Mills Rd., Don Mills.



An unexpected but welcomed visitor in the area during the past winter was the red-breasted nuthatch. One is shown here on a suet log at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Currie, Claremont, R.R.2. — Betty Pegg

Ontario. If you are an F.O.N. member you will enjoy a ten percent discount. Peterson's 'Field Guide to the Birds' and 'Birds of North America' by Robbins and Chandler, are the two that we use most frequently for quick identification.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams who live on Rose Avenue in Stouffville informed us that they have enjoyed feeding the goldfinches, chickadees, woodpeckers, redpolls and grosbeaks that come to their garden feeder.

Mrs. Jane Adams of Leaskdale reported that crossbills, siskins, cardinals and a red breasted nuthatch made her feeding station the focal point of her home. Mrs. Adams also has a pileated woodpecker about her property.

Mrs. Reesor of Markham had the most

mourning doves mentioned, her flock numbered 15.

By far the rarest bird to turn up in Pickering Township was a varied thrush. The Rocky Mountain bird was first seen by Mr. and Mrs. Lowndes at their home south of Claremont in December. On February 12, we spotted a second thrush at the Bowden home, 3 miles to the east. Both birds were males. The second was a more mature bird, and unlike the first, came readily to a feeder. Why these birds travelled 2000 miles to spend the winter here has got the experts guessing.

With the winter season officially over we will now be checking spring migrants as they arrive. Already we have seen robins, kill-deer, meadowlarks, grackles, redwing blackbirds, tree swallows, brown thrashers and sapsuckers; but these are only a few of the many yet to come.

## English Jr. Farmer Guest in Uxbridge Twp.

**UXBRIDGE TWP.** — Michael Spooner, from North Stoke, 21 Spinfield Lane, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, England will arrive at Toronto International Airport, April 22, along with seven other young farmer delegates from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. This is an exchange delegation with the Junior Farmers Association of Ontario. Four Junior Farmers from the Province of Ontario will leave for the British Isles in May for an 11-week visit.

Michael Spooner is 23 years of age and has been a member of the Henley Young Farmers Club for 4½ years. He is a past president of that club. Michael has spent one year at Agricultural College and is now working at the Grassland Research Institute at Harley.

While in Ontario County from April 23 to May 1, Michael will stay at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Morley Parish and family, R.R.3, Uxbridge. While in Ontario County, Michael will be attending a few Junior Farmer events as well as getting his first look at Canadian Agriculture.

At the conclusion of his visit in Ontario County, Michael will travel to a Provincial Junior Farmer Directors' Meeting at Geneva Park, with Ontario County Provincial Director, Ron Parish.

Michael will be entertained by Junior Farmers in a number of Counties during his visit to Ontario. The Young Farmers from Britain set sail for home, August 4.



### Home garden contest

**YORK CTY.** — If you're proud of your garden why not enter the York County and District Real Estate Board's second annual home garden contest? Contestants must be residents of York County north of Steele's Avenue. Free entry forms may be picked up at your local Realtor, garden centre, or horticultural society. Although judging will not be done until September, entries must be post-marked not later than June 30.

First prize is an oil painting by Langley Donges, O.I.P. Suitably engraved stainless steel garden spades will be awarded the three runners-up.

Wilbert Moffat Cockburn, former Agricultural Representative, County of York, died suddenly, April 15 in hospital. 'Moff' as he was known to a wide circle of friends, was the originator of many farm programs and projects throughout the area. Surviving, besides his wife, are three sons, Gordon, Donald and Douglas, also one brother and one sister.

### Late Moff. Cockburn

### Promoted farm programs

A.A. Wall, Agricultural Representative for York County.

Seeding time is one of the best on farms. The thinking and planning about varieties, fertilizer, machinery, weed control, etc. all go into action. If it works out well, the satisfaction is worth a lot more than even the dollars and cents of it.

The edge is off it this week however, for us in the office at Newmarket, with the passing of Moff. Cockburn. Moff set the pattern for many farm programs in York, with many of them still going strong. He had an important role in the progress of many

farm developments in this county. A few of the major ones were the great Junior Farmer clubs of the thirties and forties, the start of the Maple Cattle Breeders, the developments in the vegetable industry on the Holland Marsh, rehabilitation after the disaster of Hurricane Hazel, the Crop Improvement Association, the Junior Plow Teams, the fall fairs, the breed organizations, and I could go on and on.

Enthusiasm and a genius for getting things organized were behind all of these achievements. Moff will be remembered for a very long time.

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