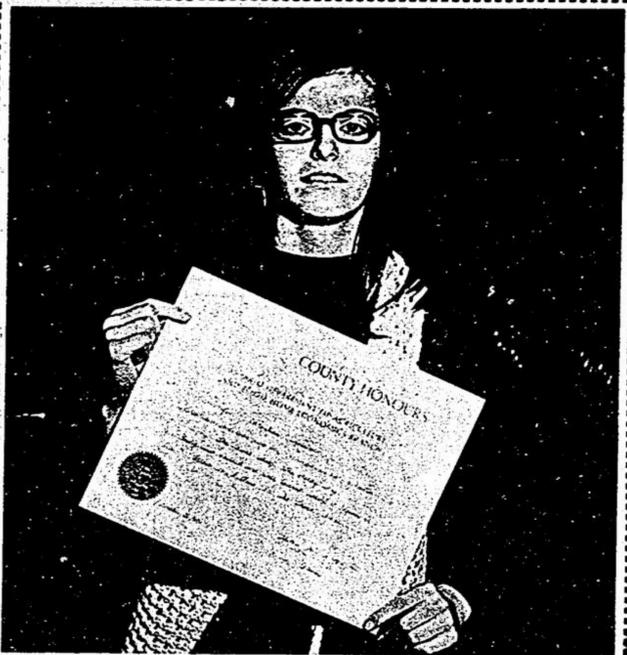


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Receives county honors

One of 14 girls to receive County Honors Certificates at the Ontario Centre 4-H Achievement Day in Uxbridge, Nov. 28, was 15 year old Marlene Norton of Goodwood R.R. 1. Marlene, a member of the Goodwood 2 Club, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Norton. —Peter Harris.

When birds come calling — keep a record



Found across southern Canada, the black-capped chickadee sings its name over and over in a friendly fashion. They thrive on sunflower seeds, peanuts and suet. Photo by Betty Pegg.

By Edge and Betty Pegg
During the past ten years, Betty has spent many pleasant hours with the camera. It may be a chipmunk, a wild flower or an owl, but one thing is certain, the hardest subjects to photograph are the most rewarding.

Occasionally I too carry a camera. I have found however, that walking over nature trails, which are often rough and slippery with my binoculars, telescope and a couple of field guides, is sometimes enough to test my equilibrium.

Keeping a life list, a yearly list, and a winter list of the birds that I see has added a great deal to my enthusiasm for the outdoors.

Many people prefer seeing the winter birds at feeders, from the comfort of their living rooms. Others keep records of all those that are observed on their property.

On December 1, we

began to compile a record of birds that are coming to feed trays. Eighteen species have been listed so far. Mrs. Lowndes and Mrs. Currie who live near the Claremont Conservation Area have reported a rufous-sided towhee. Mrs. Currie also has a yellow shafted flicker coming to her suet log. Several people have phoned to tell us how many cardinals they have.

These tropical birds are increasing and expanding their range northward. We were pleased to see three white-throated sparrows and an Oregon junco move in with the first snow fall. Northern finches, grosbeaks and crossbills are not showing up yet this winter, but we are still hoping they will come.

If you have birds at your

feeder we would be pleased to hear about them. Our phone number is 649-5023 and the best time to reach us is during the noon hour or in the evening.

There is no doubt that many rare birds go unnoticed because of improper identification. One of those sparrows that comes to your station might be a dickcissel. A few of these southerners turned up in Ontario last winter. The dickcissel looks like a female house sparrow but has some yellow on the breast and a white eye stripe.

To fully enjoy the winter birds and with Christmas just around the corner, might we suggest a good pair of 7 x 35 binoculars and a reliable bird book for identification. 'Birds of North America' by Robbins (et al) and 'Peterson's

Field Guide to the Birds' are excellent.

One of the first to find the feeder and the friendliest is the black capped chickadee. This little acrobat, with the black bib, runs a temperature of 115 degrees and has a heart that beats 800 times a minute. Chickadees have a preference for sunflower seeds, peanuts and suet, for which they will return at frequent intervals. Living at such an intense rate, the chickadee's life span is a short one, often less than two years.

Canadian Holsteins to Belgium

The first shipment of Holstein cattle from Canada to Belgium has left Toronto by air. Consisting of 54 animals, largely bred heifers, they were consigned in lots of from two to fifteen, to seven different breeders in Belgium.

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A Christmas message

By Bill Newman, M.P.P. Ontario South
At this time of year it's a particular pleasure to have the opportunity of extending greetings to all the constituents of Ontario South Riding, which I have the honor to represent in the Ontario Legislature. For most of us, 1970 has been a happy and prosperous year. For some of us, it has been a difficult

year — particularly for those on pensions, those suffering from unemployment and those who have endured unfortunate circumstances for other reasons.

To those who have had difficulties and who continue to have them, may I offer a note of hope. Many economic experts have indicated that 1971 is shaping up as a better year. Governments, both

provincial and federal, have never been more conscious of the needs of our low-income and fixed-income citizens, and must move to alleviate their problem.

All in all, I look forward to 1971 with a sense of excitement and great interest...and hope it will prove rewarding for all of us. Meantime, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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UXBRIDGE TWP. The municipal council has unanimously endorsed a recommendation to the new 1971 council that additional land be procured for the renovation and improvement of the township hall meeting facilities. Deputy-reeve Earl Downswell and councillor Darcy Higgins placed the motion before the final meeting of this year's council, Monday.

The Ontario Municipal Board has already refused to hold meetings in the township hall due to lack of washroom facilities.

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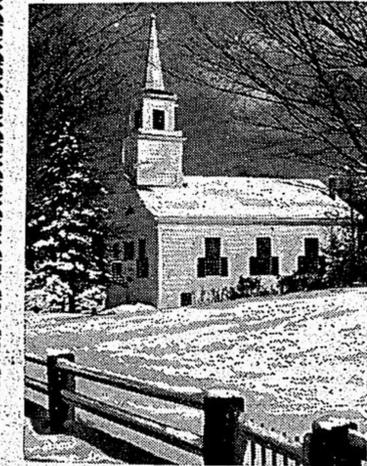


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A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year To All

William Hodgson
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