Claremont news

Local conservationist gives winter bird feeding hints

By Anne Loney

CLAREMONT — Our local conservationist, Edge Pegg, has given some tips on winter feeding for those who may be setting up bird stations for the first time. November is the month to get going.

First of all, and most important, people with little or no experience should remember that once having started a feeder, and attracted birds to it, they are under a moral obligation to carry on until Spring.

A simple way to start is by getting chunks of suet, putting them in string bags, such as those used for onions, and hanging them with string from the limbs of trees. Suet logs, with inch wide holes bored in them, are easy to make. If you wish you may add oatmeal, birdseed, rice, cornmeal, sunflower seeds and honey, all of which makes the fat more inviting.

There are feeders of all types and designs on the market. But a tray, with an edge around it to keep seeds from blowing off, and a roof to keep it dry, is adequate. Feeders should be placed on a post, near trees and shrubs if possible. A squirrel guard will keep cats away. A mixture of three parts cut corn, two parts sunflower seed and one part millet is good, but can be made more tempting by adding cracked peanuts, unsalted. Good mixtures can be purchased locally from The Corner Store and Claremont Co-op.

Birds are becoming increasingly dependent on man for their survival. In return, they provide a never ending source of interest; but, above all, they are of great help in keeping a balance in nature.

The Christmas Variety Show, a must in Claremont for many years, will appreciate any one who wishes to take part. Please phone Mrs. Rene Rennie at 649-2312 for particulars. The show will be held in the Community Hall, Dec., 14.

The Baptist Sunday School is having a swimming party at Uxbridge indoor pool Saturday evening, Nov. 16 at 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

A large number attended the benefit dance in the Community Hall Saturday night, Nov., 2, in aid of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harrison whose barn and contents were totally destroyed by vandals on Halloween. Friends and neighbors rallied to their side with money and merchandise. Al and Georgina Hepburn wre responsible for arranging the dance and worked hard to make it a success. Al's brother, Ken Hepburn, and his band, provided the music for dancing and Al Humphrey of Stouffville auctioned off the merchandise.

Claremont Legion Branch 483 will hold an Armistice Day Service in the Baptist Church Sunday Nov., 17. Led by Ajax Legion Pipe Band, the parade will start at 2 p.m. from the Legion Hall to the Church. Taking part with the veterans will be the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion, the Scouts and Cubs and the Guides and Brownies. The Rev. F.A. Luck will address the assemblage.

The Women's Institute will meet Tuesday, Nov., 19, at 2 p.m. in the Community Hall. Altona W.I. has been invited. Mrs. Fred Byers, W.I. Public Relations Officer for South Ontario, will speak.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Pilkey entertained Mr. Pilkey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pilkey of Leaksdale, before their departure for Zephyr Hills in Florida where they will remain for six months. Friends who enjoyed dinner with them were Mr. and Mrs. John Vester of Oshawa and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Bye of Whitby.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Ken Jones, who has been twice in Ajax-Pickering Hospital with a serious illness, has returned and is now convalescing at home.

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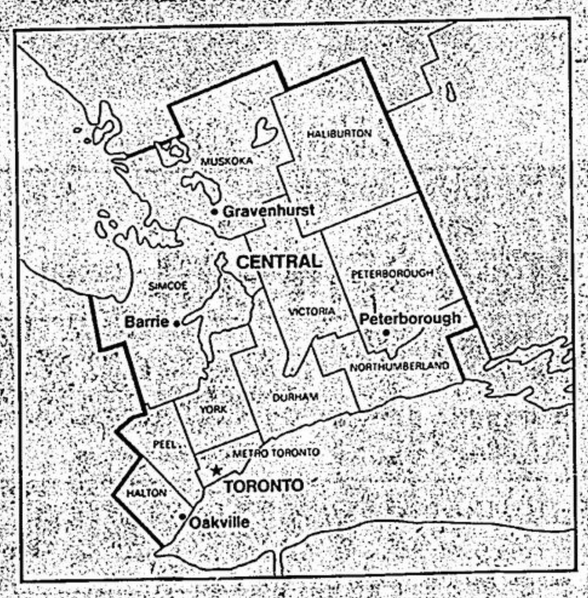

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Paul Cockburn

Paul Cockburn is a professional engineer who has had many years experience working in environmental management. He's familiarizing himself with the environmental needs of the Central Region – as part of Ontario's new policy to place environmental control closer to the source.

The New Ontario Ministry of the Environment

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