



Claremont News

Bird watchers report on winter activities

ANNE LONEY, Naturalist, Edgerton Pegg, wishes to thank all those who sent in reports of winter birds in the area; they are of great help to him in compiling his records on bird life in Canadian ecology.

Results show that the Cardinal is a favourite bird. Evening Grosbeaks are now a familiar sight to almost everyone who operates a feeding station. Mrs. Joan Connery and John James of Uxbridge Township report them coming in hundreds. Mrs. Connery, also, has a Pine Siskin with her flock of Goldfinches. Betty Goodwin and John Beelan of Greenwood are pleased to have Purple Finches at their feeding trays. Dr. A. Hogg of Coppins Corners is one of many who have Mourning Doves coming to feed, but the only Redpoll reported came from Mrs. R. Knapp of Claremont. Mrs. Dennis Ward of Uxbridge has Redbreasted Nuthatches and a Brown Creeper feeding at her suet log.

Mrs. Alex Robertson of Claremont and Mrs. E. J. Annis of Sunderland were thrilled to see Pileated Woodpeckers working on dead Elm trees near their homes. Mrs. G. H. Lowndes of Claremont had a flock of Pine Grosbeaks and a large number of Cedar Waxwings feeding on her High Bush Cranberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray

Carson are home from a two weeks holiday in Hawaii.

Barbara Warden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Warden, placed second in a class of 22 girls, in the 11 years old competition at the Sunderland Lions Club 18th Annual Music Festival on Friday, March 7. The Festival lasted five days and was for young people of all ages in Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Townships of Brock, Scugog, Uxbridge, Eldon and Mariposa.

The Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Harold Dean on Wednesday, March 19, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Jim Peddie will tell of her Women's Institute trip to Australia.

The Lionettes are holding a Euchre in the Community Hall Wednesday, March 19, at 8 p.m. A food hamper will be raffled off. Everyone is welcome.

Winners at the Senior Citizens' euchre last Thursday were Mrs. Mac Middleton, Mr. B. Merritt and Mrs. Fred Binstead. At the next meeting on Thursday, March 20, there will be a Pot Luck Spring Luncheon at 12 noon.

Despite the bad storm last Friday, the World Day of Prayer, held in the United Church, was well attended. Mrs. Cliff Reynolds welcomed the visitors at the church door. Leaders during the

service were Mrs. Alan Chamberlain, Mrs. Raymond Stickwood, Mrs. Lorne Almack and Mrs. Roy Timms. Mrs. Andrew Brndjar of Stouffville was guest speaker. Scriptures readings and prayers were given by Mrs. Ellis Britton, Mrs. Gordon Borland, Mrs. Fred Binstead, Mrs. James Murray and Mrs. Bernard Burnell. In attendance were Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Earl Cook. Mrs. Dick Ward was at the piano with vocalists Mrs. Roy Timms and Kathy Stickwood. After the service, tea was served in the cheery Sunday School room and a friendly social hour was enjoyed.

At the Community euchre last week the winners were: Men, Joe Borland, Earl Cook and Daryl Norton. Ladies: Mrs. Frank Jemkinson, Mrs. Earl Cook and Kathy Avery. Don Wilson won the Lone Hand prize.

Benjamin Franklin Kilpatrick, better known as "Ben" when he lived in the village and operated a Meat Market, died in Toronto last week and was buried on Sunday, March 9, from the Giffin-Mack Funeral Home on Danforth Avenue. He is survived by his two daughters, Mrs. F. Irvine (Shirley) of Stoney Creek and Mrs. H. Dahlback (Marion) of Toronto. Also surviving is a brother, Bert Kilpatrick. Interment was in Claremont Cemetery.

Snow last Thursday made driving treacherous and one of the victims was Steve Vincent. He was driving east on Stouffville Rd. when a car driven by Joanne Shirriff slid on the ice and hit his Peugeot station wagon. The car went off the road and rolled over. It is shown here being towed away. It was a write off according to police. — Don Bernard.

Bus company claims safety criticism unfair

MARKHAM — The safety of children who ride school buses is the concern of almost everyone; parents, school boards and bus companies. Recognizing this, Travelways School Transit Ltd., the largest bus operator serving the York County Board of Education, recently sponsored a safety inspection night at their service facilities on McCowan Rd. Markham.

The intention of the program was to give representatives of the Consumer's Association of Canada, the OSSTF and York and Metro School Boards the opportunity to go "down in the pits" to observe first hand the changes and improved safety standards of school buses. Referring to a display of 1966 and 1975 models, Larry Needler, president of Travelways pointed out that the older vehicle is not unsafe but simply requires more attention, maintenance wise. "As early as 1970," he said, "we were ordering buses with heavier tires and axles and thermo pane windows — before these became specifications. As each new feature comes along it will be added."

Blake Williams, Director of Safety, said that bus drivers, 60 percent of them women, must be very special people. They are chosen carefully with medical history, driver abstracts and character references all important qualifications. Training is extensive, he said, and drivers even the experienced ones, are obligated to take updating courses at regular intervals. President Larry Needler, told the group that criticism, recently levelled against school bus safety was unjustified.

"The reasoning behind this illustration is to let the people know that someone is doing something about the safety of children who travel to school by bus; not only this company but the entire industry."

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