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Langstaff District News

The local team in the North York Major Softball League provided two very exciting evenings at Boyle Park last week. On Tuesday they beat Lansing to the tune of 14 to 9, and on Thursday Newmarket suffered its first defeat of the season at the hands of Langstaff, who took a 4-0 lead, with the game ending in a 4-3 win for our lads. Each game brings out more spectators. Come and join them with your deck chair, if you prefer it to the benches provided. Aurora comes here next Tuesday for the first time this season — wonder what the boys will do with them.

Langstaff Girls Softball team played a grand game at Woodbridge on Thursday, with Fern Wrigglesworth pitching and Kathryn Schreier catching, the score ending in an 18-10 win for our girls. Next week their opponents are Elgin Mills on Monday at Elgin Mills. The girls would appreciate your support, too.

Langstaff School Senior Girls added to the week's thrills by capturing the John MacNeil Trophy in the Thornhill and District Lions School Softball League, when they beat Thornlea School Senior Girls at Thornhill Park by a score of 21-17. Those of us who attended the presentation in Lawrence Memorial Hall last Friday of this trophy, Langstaff School Senior Boys Softball trophy and Hockey trophy felt very proud of the boys

and girls and of the team spirit that necessarily is involved in such victories. All the pupils of Langstaff School are to be congratulated on the excellent showing they made at the Field Day, results of which were reported in detail last week by Rev. E. Kent, and those who watched the sports appreciated his hard work and that of the other Lions and ladies who assisted. Elsewhere in this issue appears a complete list of the medals, crests and ribbons awarded. Once again commendation is due Mr. David Smith, Langstaff School principal for his coaching, and to our teachers, Mrs. Poulson and Mrs. Stephenson for their part, not forgetting the very interested and long suffering, Mrs. Smith. Our thanks to you all and to Mr. Banks who helped coach the girls' ball team.

Several departures marked the week. Mrs. Ellard left for England by plane for a visit and Mrs. T. White sailed from Montreal on Wednesday, also on a visit to relatives in England. Friends and neighbours of Mr. and Mrs. L. Larsen and Harry were very sorry to see them leave their home at the corner of Langstaff Road west and Fairview Avenue and wish them all the best in their new venture — may we welcome the new residents, Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd and family and hope they will be happy in Langstaff. Welcome also to Mr. and Mrs. Essex and son, also recent arrivals here, who are living in Mr. Phillips old house on Yonge St.

A gentleman, eighty-eight years young, flew last week from Vancouver. He is Mr. Thomas Patterson, father of Mr. Jim Patterson, who recently bought Mr. Stinson's house on No. 7 Highway near Yonge Street. Mr. Patterson, Senior, spent the day following his arrival working in his son's garden and apparently suffered no ill effects from the excitement of his flight. His presence in Langstaff makes four generations in the district as Mr. Jim Patterson's daughter, Mrs. J. D. Wilson lives with her two children, Diana and Guy on Clarke Avenue, Thornhill. Also visiting with the Pattersons are the Misses Flo and Kay Badour of 15 Barton Avenue, Toronto.

Langstaff Junior W.I. are having their first annual picnic this Saturday at Centre Island. The girls are meeting at Langstaff Corner to take the eleven o'clock bus. Those not able to do this will be joining the main group later.

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Perhaps the principal error to be avoided is failure to allow sufficient space for growth, particularly when chicks are hatched early in the year. At the Dominion Experimental Station at Harrow, Ont., says W. F. Mountain, Head Poultryman, records of broiler development show that Barred Rock chicks averaging 1½ ounces, have increased their initial weight over 30 times within a period of ten weeks. If size increases can be considered relative to weight gains, the number of chicks started should be based on an allowance of two square feet of floor space for each bird. Later hatched chicks that have access to outside runs can do with less floor space, but whatever the time of year, overcrowding should be avoided. Sanitation, which remains an important factor in the control of disease and insect infestations, is difficult to maintain if overcrowding is permitted.

Specially designed broiler mashers can be procured but many farms have home produced feed which aid in reducing costs. Skim milk, if available, should be used. Green feed, either growing in convenient yards or chopped up and fed in troughs, makes palatable supplements, rich in minerals and vitamins. The freshness of feed is also important, for not only do broilers show a keen appetite for freshly mixed mash, but certain properties which fresh feeds contain, tend to diminish in storage. The emphasis that is placed on the advantages peculiar to each of the more common varieties of poultry, presents a problem to many farms at the time of purchasing chicks. The cockerels of some strains may be popular as broilers but some other character of the breed may not have the same appeal. Whatever the breed, once broilers are started it is good policy to endeavour to provide the environment that leads to the production of healthy and attractive birds.

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