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# Farmer May Have Fortune In Back Forty Acres

York County farmers may have a bonanza in their back forties, from a new decorating trend.

According to a recent business report, interior designers are scouring the countryside for aged and weather-beaten barn siding for use as facing or as decor in some of the newer hotels and stores.

Ten years ago, old barns no longer in use, were considered a blight on the landscape and the wood in them could be purchased for next to nothing.

Today, some farmers have

been offered up to \$200 for the same building.

A Toronto department store decorator has said placing the roughly-textured silver-greyish siding beside some rather plush fabric or material makes a pleasing contrast.

It's impossible, he said, to imitate the same texture and color barn wood that's several hundred years old may have.

Locally, when Bill Neal's Yonge Street South car dealership in the old Dominion Hotel was torn down to make way for the Richmond Inn's parking lot, some excellent 30-inch pine planking was uncovered beneath the brick.

According to one of the demolition men, the wood was practically all purchased before it was pulled off the walls.

Newmarket news reporter Anthony Drew bought several hundred board feet to panel a recreation room.

An avid collector, he has some excellent early Canadian pine pieces, the result of dozens of trips to out-of-the-way places around the coun-

ty when an auction or antique sale is on.

The Richmond Inn effectively used barn siding for its rear exterior walls and as a dramatic siding in strategic places within the hotel.

In Sutton, the Mansion House, which was refurbished this past summer, has an entire wall of barn siding in one of its beverage rooms. The decorators there went a step further and used rugged, rail farm fencing as room dividers.

Barns that have fallen

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## \$255,000 Markham Tp. Approves TSA 1 Debenture Issue

Markham Township Council at Monday's meeting gave approval to the re-location of an Imperial Oil Company agency, including underground storage tanks, from Markham Village to the company's property at the north-west corner of Highway 48 and 16th Avenue.

A spokesman for Imperial Oil stated the land was already zoned for the use and that there was already a service station on it.

He advised that the building would be completely fireproof and the front of the property would be landscaped with a row of trees.

Councillor Charles Hoover stated that when this had been proposed in 1963 there had been considerable objection to it and that it had been turned down then.

The Imperial Oil representative felt that objections had been raised because people thought it would mean above ground storage or a refinery. "This is not the case," he said. "All storage will be below ground."

Council gave approval to the granting of a building permit, with Councillor Hoover refraining from voting.

Five tenders were opened for the construction of a Bolt-a-Place sectional culvert to replace the cement bridge north of 16th Avenue on the third concession. Low tender of Robertsteel (Canada) Limited of Hamilton in the amount of \$2,720 was accepted by council, subject to the approval of the township engineer who was absent in Montreal, and the Ontario Department of Highways.

A request was received from TSA 1 for the issuing of \$255,000 worth of debentures for the addition of a total of 14 classrooms to the 16th Avenue, Woodland and Bayview Glen Schools.

Two classrooms are to be added to 16th Avenue, six to Woodland and six to Bayview Glen. Expected total cost will be \$317,000 but the board plans to apply the \$62,000 proceeds of the sale of the Thornlea School to this.

Approval was given to the request for debentures, by a 2-1 vote.

No one answered Councillor Hoover's plaintive query "Is there no way it can be taken care of without debentures?"

A York was discussed from the York Central District High School Board in which they re-

**GUIDE AND BROWNIE NOTES**

**2nd Girl Guide Company**  
 Reported by Guide Barbara Wilkinson  
 On Monday, October 5, the Guides of the 2nd Richmond Hill Company assembled at Wrixon Hall. After the Queen, our prayer and inspection, Iona Palmer, Kay Batstone, Anne Vowley, Diane Shields, Elizabeth Horner, Joanne De Graff, Ellen Lavender, Judy Finlay, Barbara Wilkinson and Ellen Street waited for Mrs. Batstone, a registered nurse, to come and help us with our emergency helper badge.

She told us three invalid drinks and dishes. Some things, such as making a bed with hospital corners and changing the sheets still have to wait until our next meeting when we have a bed.

We also have to know how to wash the hands and face of a patient in bed and make her feel comfortable and we must know what a first-aid kit for the home and for a hike should hold. These will have to be discussed next week. We would all like to thank Mrs. Batstone for her help.

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into disuse or that have to be demolished because of new subdivisions are probably the easiest to get but a diminishing supply of these has led decorators to begin looking elsewhere or even approach farmers with new wood for old.

Pioneer Village, the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's museum has used up about six complete barns since the project to represent early Canadian rural life began in 1958 at Jane Street and and Steeles Avenue.

**10th Girl Guide Company**  
 Reported by Guide Cheryl Palmer  
 A "fly-up" highlighted the regular meeting on October 10 of the 10th Girl Guide Company. From the 15th Brownie Pack came Ella Davidson and Diane Webber.

The Brown Owl is Mrs. Sambrook, Tawny Owl is Mrs. Hemphill and Jo Knight is the Snowy Owl of the 13th Brownie Pack.

From the 10th Brownie Pack came Susan Hewitt, Leah MacDonald, Diana Holtby and Cheryl Matthews. Their Brown Owl is Mrs. B. Knight.

On Saturday, October 17, our

Guide Company went on a hike to a farm off Bayview Avenue, which we all enjoyed immensely.

A big fire was made and each of us had something to toast. Our captain, Mrs. Brookbanks taught us how to square lash, how to use an axe and how to cross a stream using a rope.

It was a beautiful day and everyone had a wonderful time.

**LANGSTAFF NEWS**  
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**Y.W. Institute**  
 Langstaff Young Women's Institute will hold the November meeting November 11 at the home of Mrs. Joan Suter, Roosevelt Drive.

Roll call "a new product on our grocery shelves and my reaction to it."

Program Convenor Mrs. Fern Russell will be in charge of the evening which will feature the theme of agriculture and Canadian Industries.

Refreshment committee will be Mrs. Verna Ablett and Mrs. Joan Robbins.

**Mark-Vaun W.I.**  
 Members please note the November meeting will not be held until the 12th. Meeting place will be the home of Mrs. Gert Holt, Garden Avenue.

**Socials**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Andrews of Bradford visited with Mr. and Mrs. Mel Holt on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Landerkin were Sunday visitors with the Holts.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Campbell visited relatives and friends in Port Perry on Sunday.

**VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS**  
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**Girl Guides**  
 The 1st Gormley Guide Company meets every Thursday evening in the Melville United Church for girls 11 to 15 years of age. If there are any girls this age who would like to join, contact Guide Captain Mrs. N. Johnston at 887-5344.

**Brownies**  
 The 1st Gormley Brownie Pack meets every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Melville United Church for girls 8-11 years of age; any girls who would like to join may contact Brown Owl Mrs. Sherwood at 640-3837.

**United Church Women**  
 The October meeting of the U.C.W. was held in the Sunday school room on Wednesday evening of last week with a large attendance. The service was in charge of Mrs. Allan Orr and her group, assisted in the service by Mrs. F. McRoberts, Mrs. V. Mikkelsen, Mrs. N. Boynton and Mrs. N. Tyndall.

Mrs. L. Klineck of Toronto showed pictures of the trip she and her husband took to Quito, Ecuador when they visited the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Dean. Everyone who saw the pictures enjoyed themselves immensely.

President Mrs. E. Empringham took charge of the business.

**Euchre**  
 There were fourteen and a half tables of euchre players at the Victoria Square Community Hall Friday evening of last week. Prize winners were Mabel Sanderson, Mrs. Embury, Mrs. W. Sande, Ben Brazier, Bill Litan, Roy Brooking, Agnes Walton, Roy Glover, Lucky draw, Bert Nichols. Another party will be held in the hall October 30 at 8:15 p.m.

**Sunday School**  
 It will be birthday Sunday in the Sunday school November 1.

**Neighborhood Notes**  
 Birthday greetings to Mrs. Don Canning, October 29; Dale Barker, two years, October 29; Mrs. Lawrence Boynton, October 30; Miss Shirley Boynton, October 30; Mrs. Roy Wills, November 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Williams, Saskatchewan, Mrs. William Parkhill, Queenston, Mrs. Ron Randle, New Toronto and Mrs. S. Boynton had dinner on Monday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Treanor Canning.

Friends were pleased to hear Stanley Boynton was able to return home from York Central Hospital on Thursday of last week after being a patient there for the past six weeks following his stroke.

Mrs. Anthony Nigh welcomed another granddaughter last week. Another daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Nigh.

It was birthday celebration time at the Jack Mackness home last week. On Saturday Murray entertained a number of his friends in honor of his ninth birthday and on Monday Barbara entertained a number

of her little friends in honor of her seventh birthday.

Sorry to have omitted Ralph Boynton's name last week from the friends who had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett in honor of Mr. Bennett's birthday.

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. MacKenzie of Toronto had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Mumperson.

Mrs. Molly King of Newmarket spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mortson and Joy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steffler had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bennett.

Miss Mary Bourdurn of London spent the weekend with Miss June Collard.

Mr. and Mrs. Mert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. George Collard and twin sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Collard and June.

**Barbershop**  
 On Tuesday evening of last week the East York Chapter of Barbershop singers presented a very enjoyable evening's entertainment in the community hall when over 200 were in attendance at a concert sponsored by Victoria Square district Lions Club.

**Turkey Shoot**  
 The Lions Club is sponsoring a turkey shoot in the Victoria Square Community Centre Park November 21.

**Turkey Supper**  
 The annual turkey supper will be held in Victoria Square United Church November 11 from 5 p.m. on. Admission by ticket only which can be secured from any UCW member. Anniversary Services

The anniversary services of the United Church were held on October 25.

At the 11 a.m. service, Dr. A. E. MacKenzie, co-superintendent of Home Missions, Toronto, was guest speaker.

Dr. MacKenzie was principal of Albert College, Belleville, before taking his present responsibilities which cover five presbyteries. Special music was given by the local choir.

At the 7:30 p.m. service, guest speaker was Rev. Dorothy Sharman B.A., B.D. from St. Paul's United Church, Oak Ridges. Miss Sharman is the first ordained woman in York Presbytery. Special music was duets given by Mrs. Allan Orr and Mrs. William Brumwell.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Boynton of Woodbridge.

Dr. A. F. Binnington was the anniversary speaker at Maple United Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frisby were guests at the Sargent-Gordon wedding held in the United Missionary Church, Gormley on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacMillan of Nova Scotia had dinner on evening recently with Mr. and Mrs. Don Boynton and Mary.

**GORMLEY**  
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**Social Notes**  
 Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Sargent (Louise Gordon) married on Saturday in the United Missionary Church.

Bishop E. J. Swalm of Dunroon spoke at the Christ Crusaders' meeting at Heise Hill Sunday evening.

We welcome Rev. and Mrs. Barry Jones who have moved into the apartment at Mrs. Wm. Heise's.

Miss Mary Pattenden is enjoying a thirteen day Caribbean cruise.

Mrs. Beulah Jones and Mrs. Frank Harvey had lunch Friday with Mrs. Vera Burnett of Stouffville.

Over 200 friends and relatives called on Mr. and Mrs. Elias Elliott on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Tomlinson of Bowmanville had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farmer.

Wm. H. Banford and Mrs. E. B. Read spent Thanksgiving week with their brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Banford and son Clair of Iroquois on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Mrs. A. Tipping, Stayner, Mrs. Stratton of Guelph, and Douglas Hawton of Kitchener spent Friday night with Miss Arvilla Forrester and were guests at the Sargent-Gordon wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flicker of Brantford had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wideman and supper with the Misses Henderson.

Mrs. L. J. Connell of Fort William is visiting her brother, Wm. H. Banford and her sister, Mrs. E. B. Read.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Doner entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Doner Friday in honor of Nancy's and Kathy's birthdays.

**Parks Project For Aurora Centennial**  
 Aurora Town Council last week adopted the report of its centennial committee and a \$30,000 parks scheme will be its centennial project.

The plan will include development of present parkland and purchase of other blocks of property for park purposes.

Suggestions for a community centre and for a historical project such as a museum were turned down, the centre because of its cost and the museum because its appeal would not be community-wide.

The proposal adopted by council calls for development of an overall parks and public land use plan, development of existing park lands to conform to such a plan and acquisition of lands for public use both within and adjacent to the municipality.

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